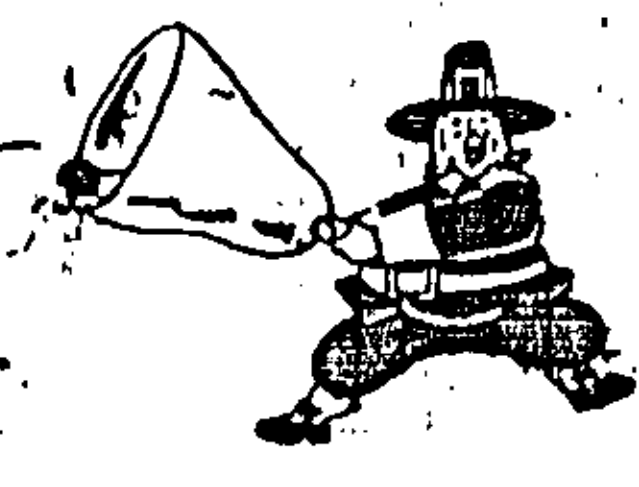


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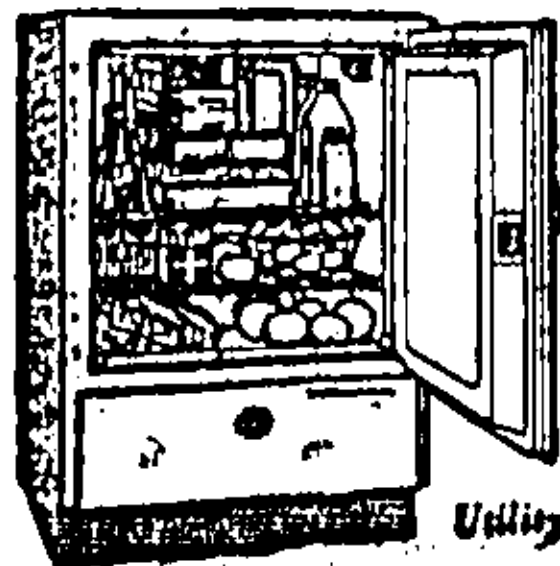
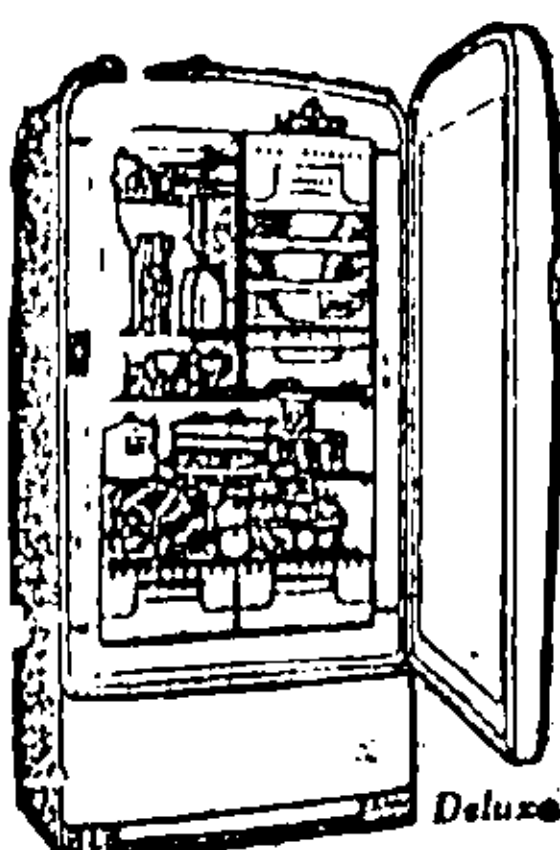


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Chaotic conditions in India and Pakistan; business at standstill

Chaotic conditions are prevailing in India and Pakistan and domestic as well as foreign business is virtually at a standstill.

This was the opinion of Mr. F. W. Kendall, manager of the Hong Kong office of the Philippine Air Lines, who has just returned from a business trip to the Indian sub-continent.

In an interview yesterday Mr. Kendall said he was surprised at the lack of knowledge here over the financial crisis now gripping India and Pakistan, which he described as very serious and unprecedented.

According to him, the main reason for this state of affairs is the refusal of Pakistan to devalue the rupee after Great Britain and India devalued their respective currencies last year.

Pakistan was the only British Dominion which declined to follow the lead of Sir Stafford Cripps when he announced after his devaluation last autumn in an effort to improve Britain's export trade.

Sir Zafrullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, explained at that time that there was no need for the Dominion to do this in view of Pakistan's financial solvency.

Mr. Kendall, after a thorough investigation of the problem, said this refusal has brought about the collapse of the India-Pakistan financial structure, and the embarrassment it has occasioned India is seriously undermining the foundations of her economy.

This, in addition to mutual antagonisms which gained ascendancy after partition and are now in full flower, is resulting in large-scale unemployment in some of India's greatest cities.

Mr. Kendall's trip brought him to Calcutta, Bombay, Karachi, and New Delhi.

Jute mills closed

In Calcutta, one of the largest cities in the world, practically all the big jute mills are closed. Thousands of labourers have been thrown out of work. The mills are closed because Pakistan refuses to let jute go into India to be processed, despite the fact that she has no mills of her own.

The railway between Assam and Calcutta, which runs through Pakistan, is also closed down, because India, which controls all the sub-continent's coal, retaliates by selling none of it to the Muslim Dominion.

British Council lecture

Mr. G. B. Endacott, lecturer in History at the University of Hong Kong, delivered the second instalment of his lecture series on English Social History at the British Council lecture room yesterday. A large crowd was in attendance.

Mr. Endacott, whose first lecture a week ago discussed the age of Chaucer, spoke yesterday on the golden age of Queen Elizabeth.

He described Queen Elizabeth's reign as a period of great British adventure, discovery and seamanship. He reviewed the Tudor monarchy, English renaissance and the reformation. Elizabeth's reign was also largely associated with the birth and subsequent works of Shakespeare, Bacon and other legendary figures in poetry, drama and song. The first beggars appeared, and the first Poor Law was enacted.

Mr. Endacott will deliver his third lecture in this series next Tuesday, when he will speak on the emergence of the grand aristocracy. It series features six lectures, it is designed to contribute towards an understanding of the essence and character of England.



MR. F. W. KENDALL

Mr. Kendall said that one of the ironies of the present situation is the regrettable absurdity of Pakistan's having to import European coal when India, just across the border, has enough to supply them both.

India also depends on Pakistan cotton for her production of textiles and cloth, but Pakistan will sell none of it to her, with the result that the great Indian cotton mills—once such a threat to Lancashire and Manchester—are now idle and rusting.

The airline executive described the situation in the words of a well-known Indian statesman, who said "After partition India was the dog that wagged the tail of Pakistan. The situation is now completely reversed."

U.S. trade dead

In the chaos and confusion that is developing no business is allowed to prosper. Famous British institutions are idle, the banks paralyzed, and commercial enterprises sunk in worry. American trade with India, which was mostly in connection with jute, is virtually dead.

Extreme measures are being taken by local authorities to salvage some commerce from the association of India-Pakistan rail communication, and tea and jute from Assam are now being carried by air. But this traffic is small and does not relieve the overall picture in any substantial degree.

Calcutta, Mr. Kendall said, faces imminent starvation. She receives no foodstuffs at present from either Assam or East Bengal, which have always been her principal sources of supply.

Communist elements in Calcutta are taking advantage of this situation by adopting terrorist tactics. Feeling is high, Mr. Kendall said, and morale is rapidly deteriorating.

"It is impossible to predict what the final outcome of all this will be. I can only hope that an amicable settlement will be reached in the near future," Mr. Kendall declared.

In his opinion, the tragedy lies in the fundamental pride of the Indian and the Pakistan who, in the flush of independence, are both reluctant to concede concessions either in politics or commerce.

The British press has made superficial references to this situation, but effective censorship has had the effect of detracting world attention from the proximity of financial disaster in India. He urged widespread dissemination of these tidings in an effort to avert collapse of the rupee and its resultant privations for the Indian people.

Cyclist killed in collision with motor-car

A fatal traffic accident occurred on Island Road near Shek-O Road at 8.15 a.m. yesterday, when a Chinese riding on a bicycle while rounding a bend in the road collided with an oncoming motor-car driven by a European and was killed almost instantaneously.

The name of the dead man was given as Cheung Wah-hing, as revealed among the papers found in his person. He was about 35 years of age. The body was taken to the Public Mortuary.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for opinions expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Rediffusion service

Sir: This is the first opportunity I have had of reading thoroughly the article on "Tell Your Friends," published in the first column of "Rediffusion Times" dated 22/1/1950. It chiefly urges listeners to forward criticisms and comments on Rediffusion service and programmes. I have no hesitation in doing so, as set out below:

(a) With reference to the service, please let me congratulate the management through this column for the speedy advancement of Rediffusion, in the fact that it now has on the books 20,000 subscribers, of whom more than half have been gained during a very short period after reaching 10,000.

(b) With respect to their daily programmes, Rediffusion would be cordially welcomed by countless future subscribers, on condition that oral advertising is cut out in future. When it appears throughout the day it gives their otherwise satisfied subscribers a headache. The programmes stopped advertising the excellence of this or that merchandise, the taste or quality of some other product, the price, where obtainable, and so on, subscribers would be able to retain their relaxation. Advertising ought to remain mute and be transferred to the "Rediffusion Times" or some of the leading publications. Listeners didn't like it when it came over the air from Canton and they don't like it in Rediffusion.

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BOAC official leaving HK

Leaving the Colony shortly is Mr. A. D. Bennett, Area Manager for East of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, who is re-appointing in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Bennett joined the BOAC immediately after the war and was sent out to the Far East to plan the Corporation's operations in the Colony.

Mr. Bennett was first in the Colony in 1929 when he visited Hong Kong with the Elder Air Arm. He returned to Hong Kong in 1932 after his discharge from the Services to take over the Sales and Technical Management of the Far Eastern Aviation Company.

Mr. Bennett joined the RAAF when the war began and became a Station Commander of Flying Training Command at Epping. In this capacity he met the A.R.C. Mr. Bennett's office here will be taken over by Mr. John Lindsay who arrived from England recently with his wife and daughter.

Dairy Farm to reply to workers on arbitrator; KMB meet demands

The Dairy Farm management will give a definite reply to their workers by noon today whether their nominee Mr. Ken Barker, the Labour Advisor, would be acceptable as an arbitrator.

A letter was sent by the management to the workers' representative yesterday afternoon advising them of this. The workers had on Tuesday, when putting forward their nomination, asked for a reply within 24 hours.

Representatives of the Kowloon Motor Bus workers conferred with their management yesterday morning, as a result of which there was no "go slow" yesterday.

The management were understood to have given in to most of the minor demands of the workers, including the payment of a five per cent bonus and double pay for the New Year on the 20th day of the 12th lunar month, four days before the lunar New Year.

The Company also agreed to give half pay to those workers on spare duty who report but have no work to do. Conductors and drivers fined for traffic offences on the day of "go slow" would have their fines paid by the Company, while the drivers who were suspended would be reinstated with full pay. Further talks will be held today between workers and management over other claims.

China Motor Bus

Workers of the China Motor Bus Company signed the agreement between them and the management incorporating the "half work" bonus and other benefits which the Company have agreed to pay them.

Their action spelt the end of further possible trouble from them. By mutual agreement the

question of a special allowance of HK\$3-a-day which the men claimed, was to be left over until the general labour situation in the Colony.

With the bus workers in Hong Kong and Kowloon free from any possibility of strike or lock-out, the only transport workers left by the lurch are the tramway men who will start their fifth week of lock-out and no pay today—and at a time when follow transport workers look forward to a yearly bonus and double pay for New Year.

Tramway pickets were involved in an incident near the Company's North Point depot shortly after noon yesterday, when workmen from the public Works Department were stopped from carrying on work on the tram line.

A call was made to Police Headquarters and an Emergency Unit squad arrived on the scene. However, the P.W.D. workmen, yielding to persuasion from the tramway pickets, left their work.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

Theatrical Manual College, caterer of Sheung Yuen Liang, Kowloon, and Miss Angela Maria Xavier, stenographer, 2128 Gloucester Road, top floor, have announced their forthcoming wedding.

Application for winding up of CNAC

The application by Mr. Charles Losaby, KC, for winding up the China National Aviation Corporation, on behalf of various shareholders and supporting creditors, was met with opposition from the corporation yesterday morning at the Supreme Court.

Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, who appeared for the airline, applied for and was granted an adjournment of the hearing by Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice. The matter will be heard on Monday next, after the question of the injunctions has been dealt with.

Many of the shareholders concerned filed the Courtroom yesterday, among whom were some American pilots and Chinese employees of CNAC.

Instructing Mr. Losaby was Mr. M. A. de Silva, Mr. Potter appeared together with Mr. Percy Chen and Mr. B. A. Barnachi, all instructed by Ford Kwan and Company. Mr. P. R. Scrimgeour was present for the Government Official Receiver.

Applying for the adjournment at the outset yesterday, Mr. Potter referred to the basis of the petition for winding up which is that the company has stopped payment and is unable to pay all debts.

Turning to the question of mortgages involved in the assets, Mr. Potter said the assets were mostly in U.S. Dollars. The debts to the petitioners in U.S. Dollars are \$282,319.90. On the face of the petition, there are also other debts totalling \$31,885.70, and the total is therefore \$313,875.10.

As to Hong Kong Dollars, counsel confirmed, the petitioners claim \$55,484.99, including other debts, the total of the petitioners' claims is \$369,360.09.

Referring to the balance account of the company, Mr. Potter said the total of the liabilities was \$395,000 in U.S. Dollars.

In the Hong Kong assets, there will be found a grand total of \$21,000.10. Deducting the debts, HK\$19,333.130, which left a debt in Gold Dollars of \$313,875.10. Against that there is an asset in \$300,000 and \$335,000, leaving a credit balance US\$210,385.01.

Mr. Potter went on to say that the company was completely solvent.

Counsel drew attention to the injunction granted on November 25 last against persons in these various actions, and went on to recall that on December 20, the Court ruled that the injunctions concerned should stand until the trial of the actions, or when an application for the discharge of the injunctions was heard.

Mr. Potter declared, "I have no doubt that Mr. de Silva (counsel for the petitioners) will, in his judgment given last year and that if he did, he saw a complete report of the judgment in that the assets should remain intact until the trial of the actions." Mr. Potter said that the petitioners were aware when they filed the petition that they were not going to get payment while

the injunctions were still standing," he added.

Failure to pay
Counsel told the Court that the only reason why the company has not paid its debts is because of the injunctions. Under the Ordinance, he continued, it is apparent there must be a failure to pay because of the injunctions.

Mr. Potter said that under these circumstances, it is imperative that justice be done, and this case must go over until the injunctions have been dealt with. He submitted that the company's debt would forthwith be paid if and when the injunctions were removed. Regarding his application for adjournment, Mr. Potter said he was not trying to delay proceedings.

When the solicitor concerned filed the petition for the winding up of the company, he was well aware of the obstacle which the injunctions presented, he asserted.

Mr. Potter submitted that, obviously, no justice can be done in the winding up proceedings unless they were taken subsequent to the Court's decision on the injunctions.

Mr. Losaby told the Court that he was going to apply for the discharge of the injunctions, and that he was present by virtue of a right which had accrued since the date of the filing of the petition.

Counsel said that his opposition to the adjournment was that the petitioners must, in any way, to the wishes of the majority of creditors, be subject to a winding up should be made, and whether it should stand over or not.

Quoting authorities in support, Mr. Losaby submitted that a winding up order can only be opposed by the company's contributories or their representatives and not the creditors, but not the company itself.

Counsel went on to say that the adjournment could not be granted without prejudicing himself. He represented 70 members of CNAC, all of whom are creditors of the company.

Personalia

Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lobban, Mrs. J. Erskine, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. W. Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lovett, Miss E. Anderson, Messrs. N. C. Brown, H. R. Valson, W. Bosland, M. N. Worthington, P. G. Edin, G. A. Grant and Greig Martens.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mrs. I. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Elm, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lobban, Mrs. Uug Yee-wong, Miss L. Letner, Messrs. M. Y. Flenner, M. Corcoran, E. Nodland, C. Konrad, C. D. E. Harvey, M. Sykes, F. H. Gearty, N. Rosenthal, J. Quino and H. M. Sullivan.

Mr. Luke Walker, Miss Laura Boulton and Mr. Hugo Eries left the Colony for Bangkok by CPA's new Skyliner yesterday.

Among the other passengers who boarded the name CPA plane for Singapore were Miss Lucy Santos Thomas.

Brigadier N. C. N. Sykes, Major M. de J. Correia, Major G. P. W. Rinal, Gunner Balgott, Messrs. E. H. Sagonoun and M. Y. Flenner left Hong Kong for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McDouall, Mr. Mah Sooi-ay and Mr. H. J. Kaulen left yesterday by BOAC for Rangoon.

Captain A. A. Attwood left for Cairo yesterday by BOAC.

Departures for Yokohama by BOAC yesterday included Mr. F. H. Gearty, Mr. K. Waldhausen, Miss M. F. Adams, Mr. J. Quino, Mr. E. G. Maynard, Mr. M. A. Matthews, Mr. H. G. McDavid, Mr. J. H. Pol-kun, Mr. K. J. Hsing, Rev. J. M. A. Black, Rev. Rev. G. Arce, Rev. E. Barboro, Mr. Williams, Mrs. H. J. Stewart, Mr. Kondrat, Mr. Paul Elm and Mrs. T. Elm.

Dog meat sellers in Court

Lecturing defendants on the danger of rabies, Mr. James Wickes at Kowloon yesterday fined all persons, including two women and a former policeman, when they were brought before him on a charge of selling dog meat to the public for food.

Defendants, who set up improvised stalls in Shok Kip Mei Village, were all arrested on Monday when the police raided the village.

Warning defendants that he could send them to prison for six months or a fine of \$1,000 or both under the recently passed Ordinance, Mr. Wickes imposed a nominal fine saying that it was the first case of the kind to come before him since the passing of the Ordinance.

Stall-owners Sin Teng and Lo Fel were fined \$120, while Chiu Cheong, Hui Hang and Man Poon were fined \$100 each. The rest received a fine of \$50 each.

Sub-inspector J. H. Evans prosecuted.



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SABOTAGE BY PERSONS UNKNOWN WAS CAUSE OF SS. CHAKSANG DISASTER

Reminders

Today

Cheer Services Club, Tombola, 7:45 p.m.
Photographic Society of HK, annual general meeting, Cate Wiseman, 7:15 p.m.
HK Art Club, Monthly Exhibition, St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (admission free)
HK Stage Club, casting meeting for stage show "Ladies in Retirement" at PRO lecture room, 8:30 p.m.
Buddhist Choral Society, at St. John's Cathedral hall, 8 p.m.
European YMCA Women's Section Games Meeting, 10 a.m.
Services, Chinese, European, Y.M.C.A. (Chinese), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Nine Dramatic Services Club, Film Show, 8 p.m.
Sino British Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 8 p.m.
European YMCA Debating Society, talk by Mr. G. S. Kennedy Skipton, on "The Mountain Resort in Lantau Island", 8:15 p.m.
Exhibition of sculpture and painting, EX M. S. K. Chan, Hotel Cord, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Birth of a Nation, sponsored lecture on "English Film Music by Rossini", at St. John's Cathedral, 8:15 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Kao I-shan, talk, luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12:30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Chinese, luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12:45 p.m.
Nine Dramatic Services Club, 8 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, luncheon for services, 7:30 p.m.
HK Art Club, monthly exhibition at St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (admission free)
HK Art Club, annual general meeting, St. John's Cathedral hall, 8:30 p.m.
Pharmaceutical Society of Hong Kong, lecture by Dr. H. P. L. Gao, and screening of films "Cancer in Disguise" and "Encephalitis", at Medical Department office HK and Shanghai Bank building, 8:30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. DEBATING SOCIETY

The weekly meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society will take place at 8:45 p.m. today in the West Lounge when Mr. G. S. Kennedy Skipton will give an address on "The Mountain Resort on Lantau Island".

FOOD AND FUEL COST

The food and fuel costs for the week ended January 21, issued by the Labour Office were:

Rice and Flour 12 cwt.	\$5,400
Vegetables, 10 cwt.	3,000
Salt, 10 cwt.	1,200
Oil, 10 cwt.	1,200
Tea, 10 cwt.	1,000
Salt, 10 cwt.	1,000
Peas, 10 cwt.	1,000
Pork, 10 cwt.	2,200
Flour, 10 cwt.	1,000
Bean, 10 cwt.	700
Total	\$11,800

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Sabotage by unidentified persons was the cause of the disastrous explosion aboard the ss. Chaksang on September 7 in Victoria Harbour, resulting in the death of 13 personnel, the Marine Court of Inquiry announced in its finding released yesterday.

"There is no evidence of any motive for this criminal act. The finding absolves the master and all officers from blame," it was further stated.

Had the British steamer not been unexpectedly delayed by typhoon on that night, the explosion would have occurred at sea. With the highly combustible nature of some cargo, there is every likelihood she would have been lost with all hands.

The finding read out by the Court at the Marine Office yesterday declared:

"The Court unanimously finds that the explosion on the Chaksang was caused by an explosive introduced into the vessel and set to explode after a pre-arranged interval, by persons unknown. The evidence, however, strongly indicates that such persons were connected with the Yuen Sang Group, a firm which occupied for a brief period premises at 141 Connaught Road West, first floor. Neither this firm nor any person connected with it can be traced. There is no evidence of any motive for this criminal act."

"This finding absolves the master and all officers from blame, and the Court notes the good work performed by the master, chief officer and the Engineer, and the ship's personnel in a disciplined abandonment of the ship."

"The Court regrets to record the deaths of 13 men of the crew and extends its sincere sympathy to the relatives of the seamen."

"The Court invites Government's attention to a recommendation to the Royal Humane Society of the good rescue services done by members of a motor lifeboat from the ss. Newroz and to an expression of appreciation of the help it has received from certain persons and authorities in its investigation."

"The Court also asks that Government may be pleased to direct the attention of the recently appointed Dangerous Goods Committee to matters relevant to its work," the finding concluded.

Conclusions

The conclusions arrived at by the five-man Court, headed by Mr. Neil Gorman, were:

1) That a powerful explosion occurred on the Chaksang at about 10:25 p.m. on September 7, 1949.
2) That this explosion was centred in the No. 2 tween decks of the Chaksang on the starboard side forward, between frames Nos. 91 and 94, some six to nine feet inboard from the ship's side and in way of the forward starboard ship's side between deck cargo door.

3) That in this area there were 10 100-lb. drums reputed to have contained potassium chlorate of American origin imported into the Colony by sea about the beginning of September, 1949.

4) On the explosive properties of potassium chlorate in its commercially pure state, the Court notes that there is some conflict in expert chemical opinion, but that the attention of the Committee on Explosives, under the direction of the Assistant Government Chemist and witnessed by certain members of the Court, have demonstrated that the original substance contained in these drums could not be detonated by explosion in normal conditions.

5) Nevertheless, an explosion occurred from the detonation of the contents of one or more of these 10 100-lb. drums with the probability that at least five of the drums were involved.

Peculiar history

8) These drums after their release from the Kwong Wing Group Godown on September 3, 1949, have a peculiar history. They were purchased for export to Tientsin, but were taken to office and cubicle premises at 141 Connaught Road West, first floor, rented by a concern who used the business name of Yuen Sang Chong. It is not obvious why these 10 drums of potassium chlorate were withdrawn from the godown four days before the date of sailing, when they could have been readily shipped ex-godown, the procedure followed for the four drums of caustic soda, detailed on the same shipping order. In addition to the potassium chlorate, 100 lb. of resin in two containers was delivered to 141 Connaught Road West, first floor, on the morning of September 3 and 50 lb. on the afternoon of September 5.

7) Certain scientific evidence suggests that the drums were tampered with at 141 Connaught Road West, first floor, and that the potassium chlorate was mechanically mixed with resin, whereby an explosive mixture was produced. In itself this could only be treated as moderately conclusive, but for the discovery on these same premises of:

a) Two empty tin containers in now condition for "Timing Device Mark 3" on which deliberate attempts had been made to obliterate this marking;

CPA standing by for flight to Shanghai

It was reported yesterday that Cathay Pacific Airways were standing by to fly a chartered mission to Shanghai but that the operation was hampered by continued Nationalist air raid on that city.

The report said that the plane was booked full by prospective passengers who paid US\$300 each for fare. No confirmation of the report, however, was available. The flight is said to be temporarily postponed but not cancelled altogether.

Fisherman sentenced for robbery

Eight years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane were meted out to Yau Sang-ning, a fisherman at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when he was found guilty of robbery by violence, by an all-male jury.

Yau on December 2 last snatched a woman's unnumbered hat in New Territories village at midnight and robbed her of \$30, in order to pay off his debts, most of which were incurred in mah-jong games.

Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge, told the prisoner that although the amount of money concerned was small, the manner in which he got hold of it was very serious.

The woman Chen Sau-ching, on the night in question was awakened by somebody jumping over a partition in the room on top of a cupboard. She tried to resist, but was pushed back and had a noose tightened around her neck till she lost consciousness.

The accused was eventually arrested on the 15th. Police inquiries disclosed that the accused just before the time of the robbery had returned from a fishing expedition, which though successful, did not pay. The price of the fish sold had to be deducted, as he owed the particular buyer some money.

Yau then tried his hand at mah-jong with borrowed money, but lost. The next day however he had money to pay his debts, in addition to reckoning a watch he had pawned at Tai-po.

Mr. Rosefelt arrives with strange cargo

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Guess who's in town? If you've heard unusual gibbering and hungry growls in the Tsim Tsa Tsui environments, then it won't be difficult to find out.

It is none other than "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Noel Rosefelt, well-known American wild-game hunter, who returned yesterday from the East Indies and Thailand with a priceless catch of rare tropical birds and savage and unusual denizens from the abundant fauna of the Indies.

First on the list of the "strange creatures" which arrived by the ss. Mul Hing, was the eight-foot prehistoric "Komodo Dragon" snatched from Komodo Island, off Sornoe, where remnants of the rare carnivores are still existing.

This reptile, looking no different from an ordinary shore lizard, is a killer. Its forked tongue and murderous-looking talons are awe-inspiring. They have been known to tear to shreds wild pigs, birds and other smaller animals.

The "Komodo Dragon"—only two are known to survive in the United States at the Chicago Zoo. These reptiles have been an awe-inspiring sight for more than 20 years—also lives on live fish.

Unwary humans have been victims of this dreaded creature that prowls on land on Komodo Island, believed to be the only known place in the world where this reptile still thrives.

A male specimen, brought together with the female, died on route. It measured 12 feet long.

The Pig-Cat: Next is a droopy pink-crested animal which has the head of a pig and protruding claws of a cat. "Pig-cat" it's been dubbed.

This creature feeds on cooked food and rice. As with the "Komodo Dragon," "Pig-cat" is the only one of its kind in the 1,000-piece animal load. He hails from Burma.

It milks and sucks its food like an ordinary hog. The long, thin two-inch claws curve towards the end. They look less formidable than the Komodo's talons.

"Pig-cat" is as big as a young boar, with light brown bristles. Nearby in a covered cage, two small brown-coloured creatures huddled together in a corner as if cowering in fright.

Trio charged with piracy of rice junk

Three alleged pirates accused of intercepting a Chinese junk with a cargo of rice in Chinese waters plying between Chinese territory and Castle Peak stood trial yesterday at the Criminal Sessions.

Charged before Mr. Justice Gould, Puisne Judge, and a jury of six men and a woman, of piracy "jure gentium" and possession of arms, are Wong King, Ho Wo and Chan Ngan.

The three are alleged to have boarded the Junk on November 19 last, and to have taken away two bags of rice and \$5 in their sampan when the craft reach British waters leaving the occupants below with the hatch fastened and held down with bags of rice.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Summers. The accused are not legally defended.

According to the prosecution the junk in question was boarded about 1 a.m. on the day concerned by five men, four of whom carried short firearms, by way of sampan. The inmates of the junk were searched, and headed below. After reaching place in British territorial waters, the robbers then took the two bags of rice, left the inmates below, took to their own sampan and started off. Eventually, the occupants managed to get out, and pursue the robbers' craft.

On meeting a police launch, the occupants reported the matter. The pirates' sampan was later found abandoned.

Not suspect

Later in the day, the wireless operator of the police launch while on shore at Castle Peak met two men on a road who fitted the description of two of the pirates.

Before he could do anything, however, the two had boarded a bus and were off. That bus was eventually stopped by the police in the course of the police search. First and second accused were arrested, and identified by the wireless operator and the victims of the piracy.

The third man was arrested the same day, wearing three pairs of trousers, and three jackets. In addition to a pair of shorts. The accused later took Inspector Summers to a bay where two packets of ammunition were discovered on shore. Statements were made by them in answer to the charges.

After corroborative evidence from witnesses yesterday, hearing was adjourned until this morning.

Breach of Immigration Ordinance

Two members of the Police Force attached to the Aberdeen Police Station became suspicious of a number of men carrying suitcases in Aberdeen at 10:55 p.m. on Monday. When they approached to investigate the men scattered, but two were arrested and appeared before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday charged with breach of the Immigration (Control) Ordinance.

The men were Lau Chi-fai, and Lau Kim-wah, both aged 28. Sub-Inspector C. Y. Chan said that the two defendants had arrived by the motor-junk "Wah Luen" from Hoihow. They were charged with leaving the vessel before Immigration Officers had examined the vessel and the passengers.

Lau who had HK\$100 and three gold rings in his possession pleaded guilty and asked for the option of a fine. He was fined \$200 and bound over in a sum of \$200 for one year. He was also required to find a responsible person to stand surety for him during his stay in the Colony.

Lau was sentenced to three weeks and ordered to be expelled for five years.

Importer of medicines fined
Found guilty of importing dutiable proprietary medicines without a licence and with possession of dutiable proprietary medicines on which duty had not been paid, Lau Lik-choy, aged 48, was fined \$500 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Revenue Inspector L. Millington said that at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, a Revenue detective saw a junk unload nine cases and three buckets on the roadway near the Custodian Wharf. On investigating, he was told by Lau that they contained Chinese medicines which arrived from Singapore by the Sankola, but on examination they were found to be dutiable medicines. The duty due from the medicines amounted to HK\$1,125.

On hearing that Lau was fined \$500, one of his friends rose in Court and asked the Magistrate to rescind the fine and order the defendant to pay the duty on the goods. He said that Lau had borrowed \$1,500 which had been put up as bail. The request was refused.

Two Chinese women, Chan Chin, aged 43, and Fung Shui, aged 47, were each fined \$75 for selling toilet preparations in Pottenger Street on Monday without a licence.

Expulsion order rescinded
The expulsion order against James Chu, formerly of Shanghai, was rescinded by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday when his sentence was reviewed by the Magistrate on the application of Mr. P. L. Lam.

In his application Mr. Lam said that defendant, who pleaded guilty to a charge of entering the Colony on January 17, was not in a sound mental state to enter a plea, and that since his conviction he had returned to the mental hospital.

Defendant on January 16 drove up to the J. Talmadge Police Station and told the police there that he was a destitute and that he could not pay his taxi fare.

Mr. Lam told the Court that his client was in the mental hospital for more than three months and that he was put under arrest only four days after his discharge from the hospital.

He further told the Court that defendant's father was a well-known banker in China and was manager of the Shanghai Central Bank of China and a managing director of the Cheong Cheong Bank. There was no question of financial support, he said, and that his uncle was here to take care of him.

In rescinding his expulsion order, Mr. d'Almeida asked counsel to impress upon defendant the importance of his charge of him in the future.

Defendant, who had several previous convictions, was also ordered to be deported after serving his sentence, should the police refuse to accept his Hong Kong birth claim. Should defendant be able to prove his Hong Kong birth, he was to be put under police probation for two years after he came out of prison.

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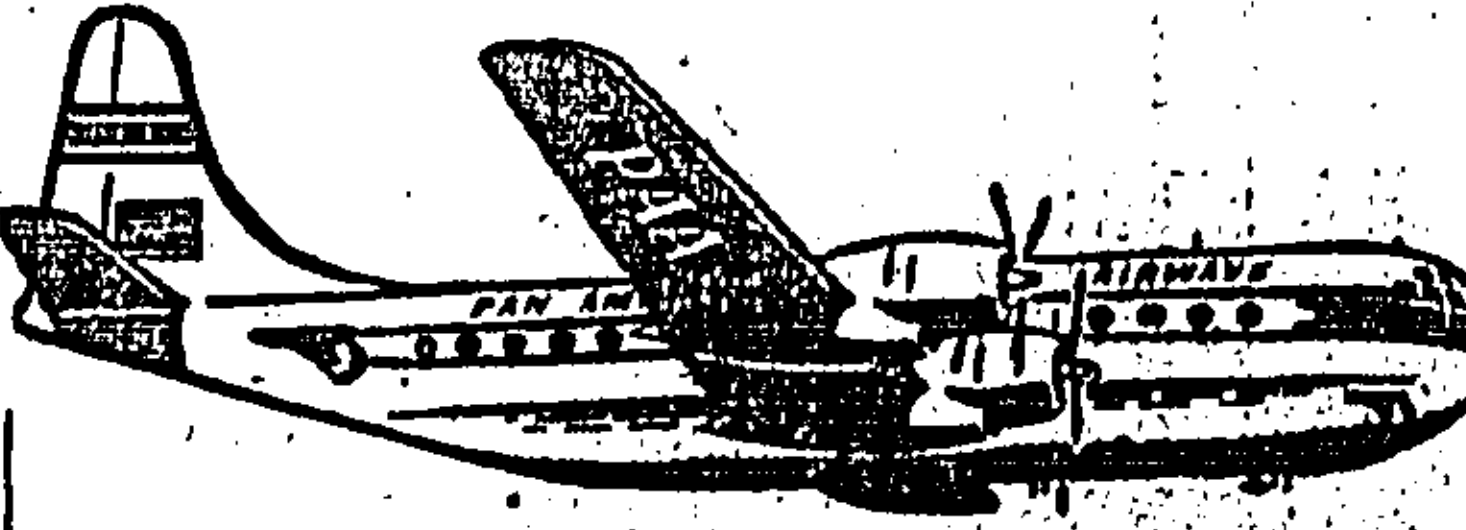


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Notice is hereby given that
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Yearly Meeting of this Com-
pany will be held at the Regis-
tered Office of the Company
No. 10, Des Voeux Road Cen-
tral, on Saturday, the 11th
February, 1950 at 2.30 p.m. for
the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Board of Direc-
tors together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1949 and
to elect Directors and appoint
auditors.

The Register of Shares of the
Company will be closed from
Saturday, 4th February, 1950
to Saturday, 11th February,
1950 (both days inclusive) dur-
ing which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager

Hong Kong, January 23, 1950

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of the Sharehold-
ers of the Corporation will be
held at the Head Office of the
Corporation, 1, Queen's Road
Central, Hong Kong, on Fri-
day, the 10th day of March,
1950, at 11.30 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving and con-
sidering the reports of the
Directors and of the Auditors
and the Profit and Loss Ac-
count and Balance Sheet for
the year ended December 31,
1949, and for the election of
Directors and the appointment
of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the
Corporation will be closed from
Thursday, the 23rd of Febru-
ary to Friday, the 10th of
March, 1950 (both days in-
clusive) during which period
no transfer of shares can be
registered.

By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

January 24, 1950

NOTICE

PORTUGUESE INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG

Rev. Bro. Cassian of La Salle
College will deliver a lecture
entitled "Macao, The Christian
Base in the Far East" at the
Club Lusitano at 8.00 p.m. on
Thursday, January 26, 1950

The Public is cordially in-
vited to attend.

NOTICE

R.H.K.Y.C.

MACAU RACE

Chingpo New Year

Friday, 17th Feb.

Return Sunday, 19th.

BEDWING RACE AT MACAU, Sat. 18th.

Members intending to sail
or visit there or require ac-
commodation should advise
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POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified for gen-
eral information that as from
9 a.m. on Wednesday, January
25, 1950, owing to road repairs
the following traffic diversions
will be made until further
notice:

1. (a) Murray Rd. between
Chater Rd. and Con-
naught Rd. Central will
be open to one-way
northbound vehicular
traffic only, and Con-
naught Rd. Central at the
junction of Jackson
Rd. will be closed to
eastbound vehicular
traffic.

(b) Vehicular eastbound
traffic on Connaught
Rd. Central will be
diverted via Jackson
Rd., and Chater Rd. to
Murray Rd.

2. (a) Arbutnot Rd. between
Hollywood Rd. and the
junction of Upper Al-
bert Rd. and Calne Rd.
will be open to one-
way southbound Vehi-
cular Traffic only.

(b) Access to Central Police
Station will be avail-
able via Queen's Rd.
Central, D'Aguiar St.,
Wellington St., Lynd-
hurst Terrace and
Hollywood Rd.

(c) Drivers proceeding
eastwards along Holly-
wood Rd. will approach
the city via Arbutnot
Rd., Upper Albert Rd.
and Garden Rd.

3. (a) New St. between Po
Yan St. and Queen's
Rd. West will be open
to one-way westbound
vehicular traffic only,
and at its junction with
Queen's Rd. West will
be closed.

(b) Access to New St., will
be made via Queen's
Rd. West, Hollywood
Rd. and Po Yan St. to
Queen's Rd. West.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

January 23, 1950.

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Notice is hereby given to all
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T. R. ROWELL,
Director of Education.

January 23, 1950.

NOTICE

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or Sanitary Department is au-
thorised to request, demand or
receive any monies whatsoever,
and are advised that should
any person make any such re-
quest or demand, he should be
detained and a Police Officer
called or a telephonic report
made to the nearest Police Sta-
tion.

N. B. M. WHITLEY,
Secretary,
Urban Council.

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Judge lauds courageous actions

Mr. Justice Williams, Senior
Judge, yesterday paid
tribute to an old lady, her two
sons and her daughter-in-law on
behalf of the public for their
courageous actions in bringing
criminals to justice.

It seems that it takes a high
standard of bravery for a person
to tackle armed persons," de-
clared Mr. Williams, who also commen-
ded the police for the speedy ar-
rest of the robbers concerned a
few hours after the crime.

The six accused in the dock at
the Criminal Sessions yesterday
were convicted of robbery with
aggravation, conspiracy to rob and
possession of arms and munition-
ary, by a jury of six men and a
woman.

The accused, all unemployed,
were Lam Ki, Ho Shek, Sit Wah
Cheng Ming, Tai Kiu-wai and Li
Ng-kwai. First to fifth accused
were given seven years hard
labour, and the sixth six years.
Lam was additionally given 10
strikes of the cane, while the
second, third, fourth and fifth
men were given 10 strokes. The sixth
man was given eight.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Coun-
sel, assisted by Detective Inspec-
tor D. Taylor, prosecuted. The
prisoners were not legally repre-
sented.

The six men, two of them
armed, on November 15 went
to a house at Tung Tau Village,
Kowloon, and there found the
lady of the house, her daughter-
in-law, and two sons at home.
After herding the women into a
cubicle, three of the marauders
rushed upstairs but were
tackled by the two sons.

Courageous acts

Crown Counsel in prosecuting
had commented that the acts of
the two sons were most courage-
ous in tackling the three men,
two of whom were armed, they
frustrated their attempts to rob
the premises.

After the scuffle that followed,
the robbers fled, all except the
first accused, who was caught and
handed over to the police by the
occupants of the house.

The others were arrested not
long afterwards.

In paying tribute to the oc-
cupants, who were present in Court,
the Senior Judge pointed
out that in the first place the old
lady was courageous enough to
shout out, showing that she was
not afraid. In the second, the sons,
particularly Ng Chuen-yau, was
courageous enough to tackle an
armed man.

"I realize it takes a high
standard of bravery for a person
to tackle armed persons. It was
due to the bravery of you all that
led to the arrest of the first ac-
cused, which in turn led to the
apprehension and conviction of all
the other accused."

Mr. Williams concluded by
stating that the conduct of the
police in this connection was most
praiseworthy, as the other ac-
cused were arrested in a matter
of about three hours later.

He directed Crown Counsel to
bring his commendation to the
notice of the Commissioner of
Police.

Applications for U.S. visas

The American Consulate in Hong Kong has a backlog of more than 1,000 visas to process.

Since the Nationalist Office for
External Affairs closed on Janu-
ary 10, Chinese are now unable
to procure passports here, and
only immigrants and relatives of
World War II veterans who are
United States citizens are now
generally the only Chinese who
can enter the United States
without passports.

The official said that a few
Chinese, without passports, had
applied for American visas, but
that the Consulate was "power-
less to take any action."

It is expected that the visa
department, ordinarily crowded
and a few months ago having
more than 2,500 visa applications
pending, will soon be able to re-
view and take appropriate action
on all applications.

Since the United States Gov-
ernment has established diplo-
matic relations with the Chi-
nese Communist Government, the
American Consulate does not
recognize Communist-issued pas-
ports.

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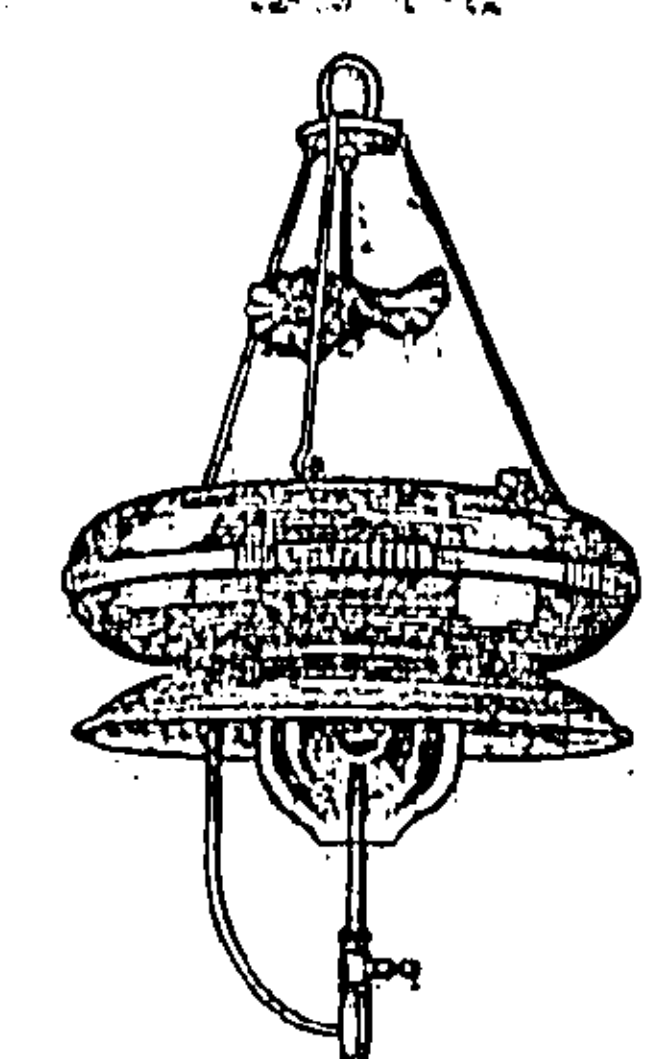
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South had an easy way to
make his contract. To the sec-
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the diamond A, then led to the
club A and on two diamonds dis-
carded his other clubs. Then he
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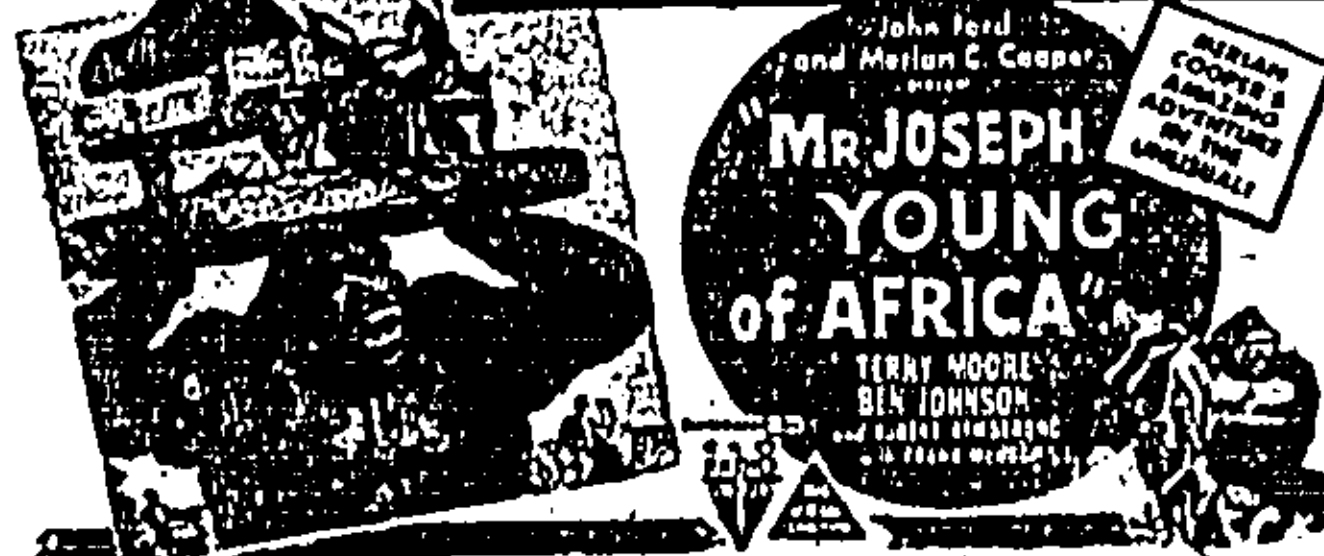
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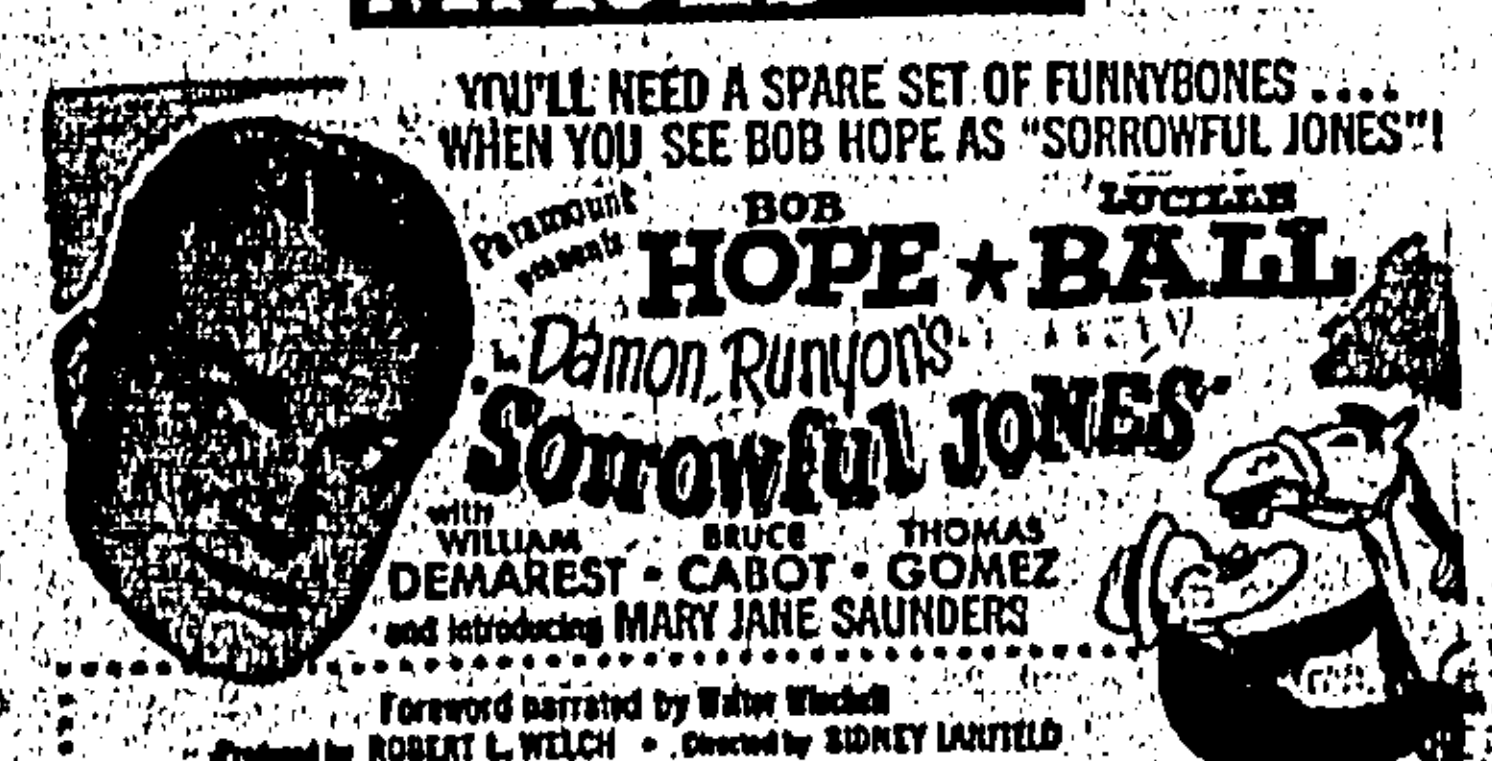
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Saving Asia from war and dictatorship

London, January 23. Mr. Philip Noel Baker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, said today that the recent Commonwealth Foreign Ministers Conference in Guyana was to save Asia from civil war and dictatorship.

He told reporters when he arrived home from Guyana, "That's specially urgent, because in that part of the world, the Communists are doing all they can to seize power."—United Press.

MYSTERY MAN TO TESTIFY

London, January 23. A mystery man will give evidence on behalf of 29-year-old Brian Donald Hume, accused of murdering a car dealer, Stanley Setty, defending Counsel told the Jury at the Old Bailey (Central Criminal Court) today.

Mr. R.F. Levy, the Counsel, said that as a result of wide publicity given to the dismembered body case, a man entirely unconnected with it and who did not know Hume had made contact with Hume's solicitors.

He would give a very different picture from that given by the prosecution. The Jury would be given a background in which they might think that rivalries and gangsterdom might well have had their birth, he said.

This is the fourth day of the trial. The dismembered torso of Setty, dropped in parcels from an aircraft, was found on the mudflats of the Essex coast last October.

Mr. Levy said he hoped that the Jury would hear Mrs. Cynthia Hume give evidence on behalf of her husband.

At the time the murder was alleged to have been committed in the flat, Mrs. Hume remembered sitting in her lounge listening to a wireless programme appropriately called "Justice in Other Lands"—dealing with the trial of the French "Bluebeard," Landru.

Mrs. Hume heard that programme on the only occasion it was broadcast.

"On that very evening, if what the prosecution tells you is right, Hume was in that flat murdering Setty. Mrs. Hume will tell you in that flat during that evening that could remotely approach murder or the cutting up of a body," Mr. Levy said.—Reuter.

RN DESTROYERS SOLD TO INDIA

Bombay, January 23. Three destroyers bought from the British Navy arrived in Bombay today for the Royal Indian Navy.

They have been renamed the Rana Rajput and the Ranjit. The ships were received by the flagship Delhi.

Built in 1942, the destroyers have a displacement of 1,700 tons and a speed of 35 knots. They are equipped with radar.

India will at first use the ships for training.

The Rana was formerly the Totherham and the Ranjit was the Redoubt.—Associated Press.

Top secret plans to re-mobilise the Berlin airlift were revealed today, as the Russians put in force a "little blockade" of the city, cutting truck traffic to a trickle and delaying U.S. army trains for several hours.

At Frankfurt, reliable sources disclosed that a plan to re-activate the air lift had been ready in the office of the American High Commission for months, "just in case."

These sources said that the bulky "top secret" document, setting out detailed instructions based on the experiences of 1948-49, was plotted late last year.

The Russians are "still trying to drive the Western Allies out of Berlin," the British Commandant, Major-General G. K. Bourne, declared today.

He spoke as the Soviet zonal authorities clamped new "go-slow" tactics on traffic with the West.

Allied policy also remained the same, General Bourne added.

"We are here and we are here to stay," he said.

About 120 goods lorries were this afternoon queued up on each side of the zonal frontier crossing post at Hohenstein, delayed by the unusually rigorous checking of frontier guards.

Others were similarly held up at Marienborn.

Only two to three were moving through each hour, a third of the normal volume.

Just inefficiency?

Even inter-zonal United States military trains were held up several hours this morning when Eastern guards queried the papers of three passengers.

Goods trains in and out of the capital were running normally.

General Bourne, speaking at a Press Club lunch, said he did not think the latest round of rail trouble was part of a plan to re-impose a blockade, but were attributable to Russian inefficiency or to misunderstandings between the East and West German authorities.

Earlier, a British spokesman said that the bottleneck appeared to have been created by the arrival at Marienborn of a new Soviet Commandant who was insisting that standing orders regarding the searching of lorries and the checking of documents be carried out to the letter.—United Press and Reuter.

BURMA MAY BE 'ONE VAST SLUM'

Rangoon, January 23.

R. J. Erroll, Conservative Member of the British Parliamentary Mission visiting Rangoon, today expressed great fear that the potentially rich country of Burma may soon become one vast slum through lack of development.

Mr. Erroll, addressing a local Rotarian lunch meeting, warned that unless Burma resumes large exportation of rice she may find her former customers in no need of her supplies.

The Mission, which came here at the invitation of Pyaw U Mya, Speaker of the Burmese Parliament, two weeks ago, leaves by air for London tomorrow after a visit which included trips to the oilfields where Mr. Erroll said valuable machinery given by Britain at personal sacrifice lies unused and dust-covered.—Associated Press.

Berlin, January 23. An explosion in an East Berlin fireworks factory killed two workers and injured eight others today.—Associated Press.

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Bao Dai's call for discipline

Saigon, January 23. Ex-Empress Bao Dai, head of the State of Vietnam, today strongly re-affirmed his determination to restore peace and order in Vietnam.

Addressing the first meeting of his Ministers at Dalat, North West of Saigon, Bao Dai called for the maintenance of a stern discipline.

"We are now entering the last stage when no hesitation will be possible. From now on no neutrality is possible. Attitudes must be clear," he declared.

The Prime Minister of Vietnam, Nguyen Phan Long, said that his Government should endeavour to strengthen the precious friendships of sympathetic nations. He put France in the first rank of these nations.—Reuter.

Vital need for Australia

Canberra, January 23.

The Prime Minister, Robert Menzies, said today that large-scale immigration is vital to Australia's very existence.

Mr. Menzies, who spoke at the opening of the country's first citizenship convention, said that in the troubled world of today a nation with a small population is in great danger.

The Prime Minister declared that Australia must stamp out insularity, sectionalism and racialism against new immigrants.

"We have a duty," he said, "to understand that immigrants have made a great decision by becoming Australians and we must help them to become Australian and forget their miseries."

Mr. Menzies did not indicate, however, that there would be any change in the immigration policy followed by the previous Government.

The country has followed a "White Australia policy" which bars Asian nationals from settling here.

The policy has aroused widespread opposition particularly in South East Asia, because of deportations of Indonesians and Malays.—Associated Press.

U.S. BOOM AND BUST FEARS

New York, January 23.

The U.S. Federal Reserve system fears that present prosperous conditions in the United States may lead to an inflationary boom and bust.

Mr. Elliott V. Bell, former superintendent of the Bank of New York State and now Chairman of a publishing house, said the Federal Reserve would like to be in a position to check such a boom before it is too late by a judicious use of open market operations.

Speaking at the 22nd Annual mid-winter meeting of the New York State Bankers' Association, Mr. Bell said the Federal Reserve system, however, was suffering from frustration arising from the fact that it had not yet been demobilized from its wartime status.—Associated Press.

CIGARETTE RAMP IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, January 24.

An island-wide cigarette ramp which aims to squeeze more than \$7,500,000 from Singapore smokers before the Chinese New Year on February 17 is in full swing.

The racketeers are refusing to sell all popular brands at the recognised market price, but demand an extra five to 25 cents. Cigarette prices are not now controlled, but the Government may re-impose control if official warnings against raising prices are not heeded.—Reuter.

BARONET GETS DIVORCE

London, January 23.

A Baronet won a divorce today on the grounds of his wife's misconduct with a negro cafe entertainer.

Sir Ronald Gunter, aged 45, accused Lady Dorothy Gunter of "Blinghah" in a West End love nest since 1947.

Blinghah plays a piano and sings in his own Mayfair club. The Gunters were married in 1932. They have no children.

The divorce suit was undefended.—Associated Press.

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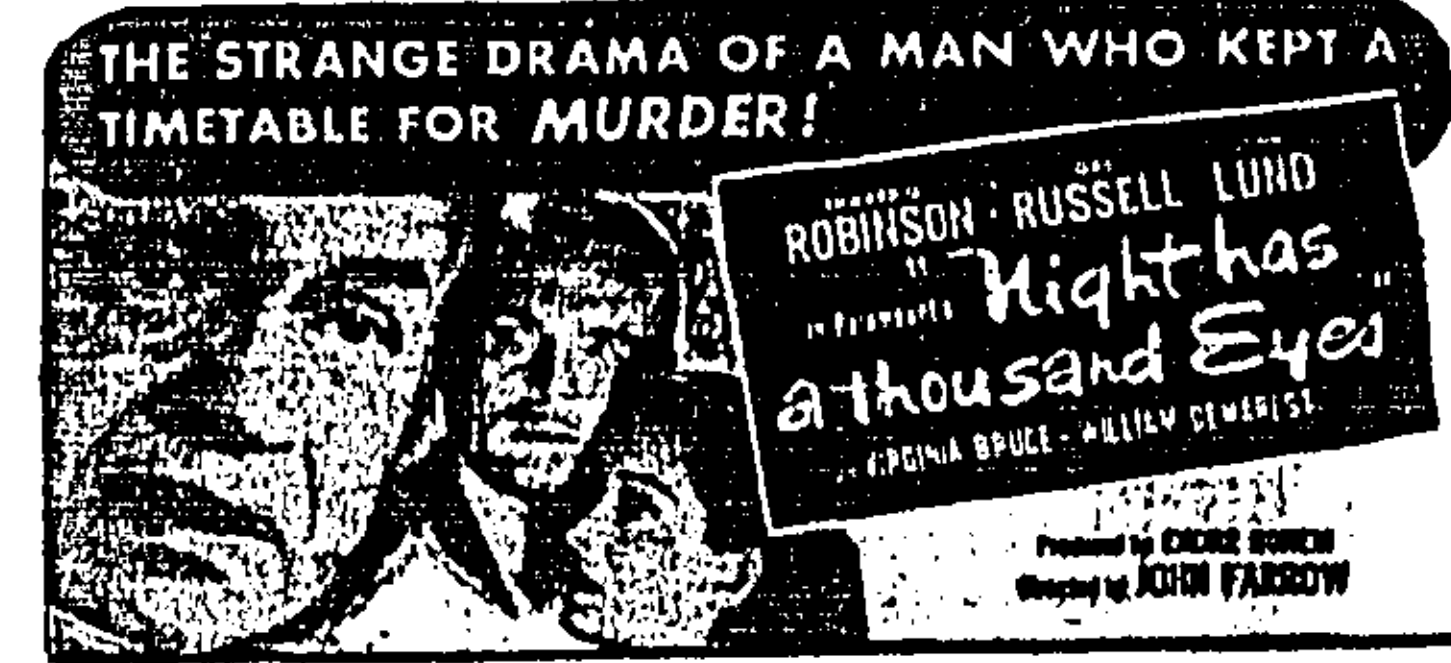


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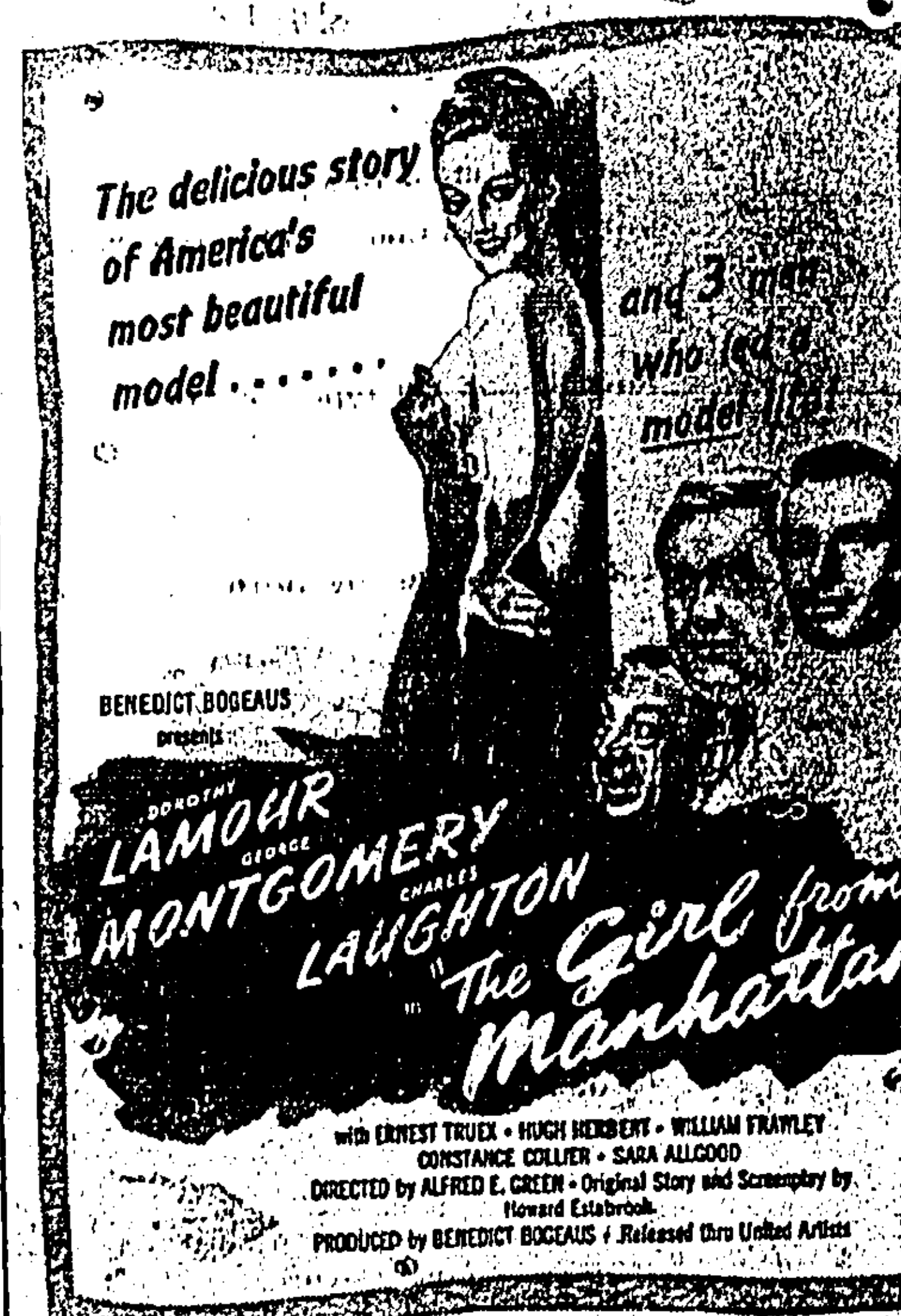
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Kurusu plan to prevent war disclosed in U.S.

New York January 23.

Mr. Bernard N. Baruch wrote in the February issue of the "Readers Digest" that five days before Pearl Harbour, the Japanese Ambassador to the U.S., Saburo Kurusu, asked Mr. Baruch to urge President Franklin D. Roosevelt to try to avert war with an appeal to Emperor Hirohito.

Mr. Baruch quoted Kurusu as saying, the war lords in my country are sitting with a pistol in each hand ready to shoot.

"The only chance of averting war is for the President to appeal directly to Emperor Hirohito."

Mr. Baruch said Kurusu nodded when he asked him, "You know if your country goes to war we will crush you?"

Saying he relayed Kurusu's message, Mr. Baruch added "even while President Roosevelt was preparing his message to the Emperor, Japanese forces were moving into position for their lightning strike."

Mr. Baruch said he is now disclosing these last-hour efforts to help dramatize a problem the United States must solve.

He described the problem as: "Twenty-two million lives and more than a thousand billion dollars worth of the world's resources were expended in proving how stupidly reckless were the German and Japanese gamblers on aggression."

"Stand by" plan

"This time we must get the message through which will prevent repetition of such a suicidal blunder."

Mr. Baruch advocated a three-point preparedness programme as the surest deterrent against another war.

He called for legal enactment of a complete "stand by" mobilisation plan.

The formation of a permanent mobilisation agency.

A constant inventory of national resources in relation to the needs of a possible war.

Under his proposal, mobilisation plans would stand ready to go into instant operation upon joint proclamation by Congress and the President.—Associated Press.

FRANCE REJECTS POLISH CHARGES

Paris, January 23.

The French Government today published a note rejecting Polish charges against the expulsion of Poles from France.

The note was handed to the Polish Embassy in Paris on January 21. It declares that the expulsion was justified as the Poles concerned were all members of Polish organisations which caused unrest in France.

The note denied that France had violated Franco-Polish migration agreements and criticised the arrest without justification of French citizens in Poland and closing of French cultural centres in Poland.—Reuter.

Philippines expects to export rice

San Francisco, January 23.—The Philippines expects to shift from an importer of rice to an exporter within two years, the Finance Secretary of the Island Republic, Mr. Pio Pedrosa, said here today.

The Cabinet Minister said a programme of land development, intensive cultivation and use of machinery is expected to make the country self-sustaining by 1952. Large quantities of rice are currently purchased from California, Louisiana, Siam, Indo-China and elsewhere.

Mr. Pedrosa conferred with Mr. Benigno Pildasan, Acting Consul-General here, and discussed Philippine business problems. Mr. Pedrosa is en route to Baltimore to see President Elpidio Quirino who is recovering from an operation.—Associated Press.

PALESTINE TALKS GET UNDER WAY

Geneva, January 23.

The renewed Palestine peace talks sponsored by the United Nations entered into full swing today with first formal meetings between the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission and the Arab delegation.

The three-member Commission resumed its efforts here last week to prepare the ground for a final peace settlement between Israel and her four Arab neighbours.

Formal private meetings to make contact and settle procedural matters were due this afternoon between the Commission and the delegates of Lebanon and Egypt.

A similar meeting is to take place later this week between the Commission and the Israeli delegation to be headed by Gideon Raphael.

The Commission has received no word so far of the delegations from Jordan and Syria, but a Commission spokesman said today that both these countries had advised the Commission during its New York session last month that they would take part in the current Geneva talks.

"We have no indication that they have changed their attitude," the spokesman said.

The Commission comprises representatives of Turkey, France and the United States.

The Commission's rotating chairmanship passed today to Ely E. Palmer, former United States Ambassador to Afghanistan. Mr. Palmer arrived here from the U.S. at the week-end.

The Commission announced today that Abdel Monem Bey Moustafa, Director-General of Arab Affairs in the Egyptian Foreign Office, is to head the Egyptian delegation at the current session.

Moustafa was due to arrive in Geneva by air this afternoon but was apparently delayed by bad flying weather. Abdel Chafi El Labane was to attend the Commission's meeting in Moustafa's absence.

Moustafa is the only Arab or Jewish chief delegate appointed so far who also took part in the five month long session of the Commission at Lausanne last year.

The heads of the Lebanon and Israeli delegations are both lower ranking officials than those sent to Lausanne by their respective Governments.—Associated Press.

PI TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA

London, January 23.

The Philippine Consul-General in Australia, Roberto Regalo, said today in Sydney that his Government wants a delegation of Australian businessmen to visit Manila, according to the Australian Information Service.

Mr. Regalo hopes that trade organisations and chambers of commerce will send missions to the Philippines and that Philippine businessmen will return the visits. Mr. Regalo returned to Sydney on Sunday after conferring with the Foreign Office in Manila.—Press.

MR. QUIRINO

Baltimore, January 23.

President Elpidio Quirino of the Philippines continues to make an excellent recovery today at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where a kidney stone was removed just a week ago.

A hospital spokesman said that if his condition continues to improve, he will probably be discharged next week-end.

The President spent two long periods out of bed on Sunday after the stitches were removed. He walked from his bedroom to his sitting room and chatted with members of his staff and his family.—Associated Press.



The King's throne was empty when the new Riksdag session opened in the Throne hall of the Royal Palace, Stockholm. Regent for one day, the 67-year-old Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf delivered the Royal Address invoking God's blessing over the new Riksdag and its work.—Associated Press Photo.

"FEARFUL DANGER" OF WEST GERMAN PACT WITH SOVIET

Washington, January 23.

The United States High Commissioner, John McCloy, said today that the danger of a possible Western German alliance with Russia is more fearful than the other danger that nationalist elements there will re-assert themselves.

Mr. McCloy, who said he was home to report on the German situation to President Truman and the American people, said: "There is danger of revived nationalism."

He added: "Germany constitutes a danger within itself and an even more fearful danger if allied with or subordinated to the interests of the Soviet Union."

"Communist and Rightist extremists in Germany seem prepared to get together with the totalitarianism of the Soviet should a good opportunity present itself."

In what was considered an unusually frank discussion of the German question, Mr. McCloy emphasized, however, "I firmly believe positive forces are at work which are stronger than the negative."

He took cognizance of recent criticisms of United States Germany policy voiced in the Free Press and agreed that the battle against authoritarianism there is far from won. But he added: "Despite their apathy, the German people prefer representative government as opposed to dictatorship of either the Nazi or the Communist type."

He said the Allies have ample powers to deal with any dangerous nationalist revival. "Our powers are both positive and negative—positive in specific authority to intervene if a serious threat to our objectives develops and negative in our right to deny concessions from the existing status if liberal tendencies do not develop. If necessary, I would not hesitate to advise these remedies quickly and firmly."

In his radio report, Mr. McCloy listed four factors on the "darker side" of the German picture:

The nationalist fringe

1. "The Nationalist fringe on the extreme right, which is more active than it has been. There is a Communist fringe that plays the Soviet game and there is the persistent tendency of both to work together."

2. Persons in important, though not top, positions who held similar jobs under the Nazis. But he said the de-Nazification programme had attempted a sweeping job and so-called "little Nazis" should be given a chance to show their loyalty to the new Germany.

3. Considerable resistance to reform, especially civil service and school reforms.

4. The majority of Germans are gripped by political and social inertia and show exasperating willingness to leave responsibility and direction to others.

Vigorous Press

On the other side of the picture he found:

1. There is a free elected government and parliament in Western Germany, which is headed in a democratic direction, whether a little lost of centre or a little right of centre.

2. The Parliament is made up of men who resisted Hitler.

3. State officials were chosen by the American military government and have since been confirmed in free elections by the German people.

4. Another cause for considerable satisfaction is the growing vigour of the German Press, which has demonstrated a spirit to help develop public opinion.

5. State or "laender" parliaments have passed an impressive total of liberal and progressive pieces of legislation that show a

strong and voluntary tendency to draw away from Hitlerian concepts.

He added: "Despite their apathy, the German people prefer representative government as opposed to dictatorship of either the Nazi or the Communist type." However, he cautioned that all the evils of Hitler's 12-year rule could not be removed in five.

Rightist merger

Earlier, Mr. McCloy told a Press conference that the Right Wing party merger reported as occurring at Kassel appeared to be pretty small. He added, "However, I do not mean to minimise its potential importance."

He said there had been nothing to indicate that Dr. Adenauer is in contact with any former German General Staff groups, but added that the Chancellor might have been in contact with acquaintances of the General Staff group.

Regarding Russian-held bonds, Mr. McCloy acknowledged that the cancellation of some German bonds taken over by the Russians at the close of the war had been on a working level, but he denied that of these High Commissioners had taken it up personally so far.

He said trade between East-Germany had not been vigorous and remains on a rather small level.

On German shipping, the High Commissioner acknowledged that the Germans might hope to get some further concessions beyond those granted in the protocols for the construction of larger ships.—United Press.

ROMULO TO STAY IN HOSPITAL

Lake Success, January 23.

The office of the UN Assembly President, Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo, said today that he must stay in the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, because of physical exhaustion.

The announcement said: "After a consultation of doctors at Walter Reed Hospital it was decided that, in view of his physical exhaustion, a more protracted stay was necessary. His engagements for the entire week were cancelled."

General Romulo originally entered the hospital because of a cold and sore throat.—Associated Press.

PRINCESS ALICE TO VISIT INDIES

London, January 23.

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, and the Earl of Athlone will visit the British West Indies for three months, leaving London at the end of this month and returning on April 25.

They will attend the inauguration of the new University College of the West Indies in Jamaica where Princess Alice will be installed as First Chancellor. Lord Athlone, brother of Queen Mary, is Chancellor of London University.—Associated Press.

STALIN WINNING COLD WAR

Washington, January 23.

Mr. Will Clayton, former United States Under-Secretary of State, told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee today that if Stalin continued to use "cold war" methods the year 1955 will probably find the Western hemisphere surrounded by Communism.

He declared, "The Communists are awakening the masses and make no mistake about it the masses are listening."

Stalin is winning the "cold war," he said.

Mr. Clayton was urging Congress to adopt a resolution advocating a federal union of the North Atlantic treaty nations and other democratic countries.

Mr. Clayton is a Vice-President of the Atlantic Union Committee which is sponsoring a convention of Atlantic Treaty nations to form an economic and political union within the framework of the United Nations Charter.

The democracies could not continue to bear the defence burdens imposed by Communism's cold war tactics, Mr. Clayton declared. The only solution was the creation of an economic union because Communism's weapons were economic.

A single competitive economy, he said, would make it impossible for Socialism to continue long.

He said that such a free federation would have but one foreign policy, one defence policy, one currency and no Customs barriers. It would solve the dollar problem, and "unbearable" military spending and restore free enterprise.—Reuter.

Miners return to work

Pittsburgh, January 23.

About 30,000 of the 80,000 miners who had been on strike in soft coal mines in seven States returned to work today.

About 37,000 of the strikers voted at the week-end to go back to work, but pickets this morning prevented many miners from entering the pits.

Mr. John L. Lewis, President of the Union, had directed the miners to return to the three-day work week which he had ordered earlier in an effort to persuade mine-owners to resume negotiations with him for new contracts.

In West Virginia pickets persuaded 4,500 miners to stay away from 14 mines. Two pits in Ohio also remained closed because of the pickets' efforts.

The "back-to-work" movement showed strength in the Pittsburgh area, but was weak in the rich South Western Pennsylvania section near Uniontown. The Western Pennsylvania Coal Operators' Association said that 25,000 of the area's 50,000 miners are working. Fifty-two mines are working but 71 others are closed.—Reuter.

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TRUMAN'S CALL FOR ALTERATIONS IN TAX STRUCTURE

Another walk-out by Russians

Lake Success, January 23. Russia today walked out of another United Nations committee protesting against the presence of the delegate from Nationalist China.

V. T. Kobushko, Soviet delegate to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, left the meeting here objecting to the inclusion of Chinese Nationalists in its delegations.

The committee comprises the President of the Economic and Social Council and delegates from each of the Big Five powers—United States, Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union and China.

BRITAIN'S PACT WITH HOLLAND

London, January 23. The British Government Board of Trade reported today that United Kingdom and Dutch representatives made considerable progress towards agreement on a 1950 trade pact.

The two delegations will now report to their respective governments and it is hoped to resume the discussions in the near future. The Board announced the talks have been going on for the last three days.

The Board said the discussions have centred on:

1. Renunciation of controls on trade in goods still subject to quotas. (The Office for European Economic Co-operation to which both nations belong, has agreed liberalisation of these restrictions.)
2. The amount of Dutch food which Britain will buy.
3. The Dutch and Dutch concluded a trade pact last February to exchange more than £100 million worth of goods in 1949 compared with £45,000,000 worth in 1948.
4. Holland agreed to take mainly coal, machinery, textile yarns and a wide variety of manufactured goods.
5. Britain undertook to import £36,900,000 worth of Dutch goods such as bacon, eggs and dairy produce plus many manufactured articles.

The Board of Trade said "Trade will continue at the current level until the new agreement is reached covering 1950."

GOOD CHANCE FOR KOREA

Washington, January 23. Speaker Sam Rayburn thinks there is a good chance the House of Representatives will yet vote to ease economic aid for South Korea despite its one-time rejection of a \$60,000,000 aid bill last week.

President Harry Truman has already announced that he will ask for speedy reauthorization of that vote. He has also got an unexpected ally in Senator Robert Taft, Ohio Republican, who believes some continued economic help should be provided.

Speaker Rayburn talked over the situation with the President at the White House today. He told reporters that he thought the House could take another vote by bringing up a Korean aid bill passed by the Senate. It is similar to the one the House turned down.—Associated Press.

SPAIN TO GET AUSTRALIAN WHEAT

Melbourne, January 23. Australia is to sell Spain 60,000 tons of wheat at the prevailing free world price of about \$1 a bushel, Mr. C. J. Perrett, General Manager of the Australian Wheat Board, said today.

Mr. Perrett added that Britain is not interested in Australian wheat at present because she is fully supplied under her long-term contract with Canada.—Associated Press.

BOMB SCARE

London, January 23. A bomb disposal squad decided today that there is no unexploded wartime bomb buried outside the National Art Gallery which houses Britain's £10,000,000 State art collection.

The team that there might be a bomb outside the Gallery which occurred last Tuesday.

Today the Army, which conducted an investigation, was satisfied that there is no bomb. Three tests gave negative results.—Reuters.

Washington, January 23.

President Truman sent a special message to Congress today calling for a cut in excise levies, closing of tax loopholes and a \$1,000,000,000 increase in taxes in corporations, estates and big gifts.

He did not say how much reduction should be made on excise taxes, but he said that cuts are most urgently needed in taxes on freight, railway and bus tickets, long distance telephone and telegraph bills and the entire group of retail excises including such items as toilet preparations, luggage and handbags.

The President said that these taxes should be cut "to the extent that the loss in revenue can be recouped by eliminating the tax loopholes which now permit some groups to escape their fair share of taxation."

He said that the biggest loopholes were excessive exemptions enjoyed by oil and mining interests.

As to business, the President recommended a moderate increase in the tax rate applicable to that part of a corporation's income which is in excess of \$50,000.

At the same time he recommended that the tax rate on cor-

porations where they will make available their knowledge in the field of agriculture, industrial development and related fields.

However, the President and other high administration officials in the past have emphasised that private capital must play an important role in assisting other nations to improve their living standards and thus help prove conclusively that democratic economic policies can be made to work in the world which is increasingly threatened by totalitarian concepts.

Risk element

Foreign diplomatic observers expressed the hope that the President's proposed tax revisions to encourage private investment overseas would be approved by the Congress, and preliminary reaction among several Congressmen appeared favourable to the changes.

However, several pointed out that even the measures recommended probably would not result in any large-scale shift of emphasis by the United States investors to foreign fields as long as adequate opportunities with less risk are available at home.

The risk element of the foreign investment programme, however, is expected to be further lessened by other proposed legislation guaranteeing United States private entrepreneurs overseas a certain non-existence of profits and compensation by foreign Governments.

The President's reference in his message to United States negotiation of investment treaties with other Governments was interpreted as designed to further relieve fears in the business quarters as to the advisability of placing their money in foreign projects. Reuters and United Press.



PRESIDENT TRUMAN

porate income between \$25,000 and \$50,000, which is at present taxed at the maximum rate of 34 per cent, be reduced to the same rate as applies above \$50,000.

He proposed that estate and gift tax laws be revised to provide uniform treatment and reduce present exemptions so as to not only bring in more revenue but to improve the fairness of the estate and gift tax laws.

Veto threat

The President made it plain that he would veto any tax cut that did not at the same time bring in new revenue to make up the loss.

In his message the President discussed at considerable length "shocking" loopholes which, he said, allowed some people and interests to escape millions in taxes.

As one example, he said that under present law producers of motion pictures and their studios have attempted to avoid taxes by creating temporary corporations which are dissolved after making one film.

He said one oil operator, because of the depletion allowance, was able to develop properties yielding \$5,000,000 a year, but paid only \$100,000 taxes over a five-year period although his income from non-oil sources alone averaged almost \$1,000,000 a year.

The President did not identify the oil man.

He mentioned also revenues being lost "through the abuse of the tax exemption accorded educational and charitable organizations."

Present taxes are expected to bring in about \$37,300,000,000 this year.

This will be about \$5,500,000,000 short of anticipated expenditures.

Encouraging U.S. investments

President Truman emphasised smoothing the way for expanded United States investments in Latin-America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East, which is interpreted by foreign observers as another indication that the Administration means to speed action on the famous "Point Four" programme for assistance to under-developed areas.

His discussion of the foreign investment programme in detail within the tax message somewhat surprised observers who had expected that the address would be confined mostly to the aspects of the tax problem of private interest at home.

Some officials pointed out that the request for liberalising tax laws on American private capital "put to work" overseas could be construed as an integral part of the "Point Four" programme, although formal legislation pertaining to that project is to be embodied in several separate bills.

Most important of these is the President's request for about \$50,000,000 to start the United States technical assistance programme in co-operation with other nations. This calls for sending United States scientists, engineers and other technicians to

Warning of calamity in Madras

Madras, January 23. A Madras Government spokesman today warned of calamitous results if the Indian Union does not make all provinces share a sacrifice of national interest by directing surplus monies to share food shortages with deficit areas.

He told The Associated Press today, "Madras cannot tighten her belt any further," accusing the surplus Northern provinces with indifference to grain procurement, adding:

"The Madras situation is at present very alarming. The famine spectre is already sitting in 1,000,000 thresholds of the South-east area."

Only 300,000 tons of food grains, one-third of Madras demand, was allotted this year by the India Government, which asked the former to make good its deficit somehow.—Associated Press.

U.S.-Australian defence talks

Canberra, January 24. The chief of the U.S. Air Force in the Far East, Lieutenant General G. E. Stratemeyer, has concluded talks with Ministers of Australia's new Government.

It is understood they discussed co-ordination of American and Australian defence strategy in the Pacific.

Australia was represented at the discussions by Defence Minister Eric Harrison, Army and Navy Minister Josiah Francis and Air Minister Thomas White.

General Stratemeyer's visit to Australia was described officially as a courtesy visit.

RESTRICTIONS ON ARABS

Haifa, January 23. Restrictions are to be imposed on the movement of Arab labour in North Israel, Galilee and Haifa. Circulation permits allowing Arabs to enter Haifa or move from military controlled areas must, in future, be renewed after two weeks. The measures are the result of a comb-out of the Arab quarters of Haifa, who 100 "infiltrators" without proof of identity or unable to establish residence, were arrested.

They were handed over to the Army and transferred across the border, or returned to areas under military control.—Reuters.



Scarah Bey, a Fakir well known in France, claims that he can make hens lay by hypnosis. Here he demonstrates his art in Paris. Though the chicken seems to have succumbed to the influence there is still no sign of the egg.—AP Photo

U.S. Air Force buys 700 jet fighters

Washington, January 23. The Air Force has ordered almost 700 jet fighter planes in the current fiscal year, it was revealed today.

In face of claims that undue emphasis is being put on B-36 bombers, the figures show that fighters, comprise more than half the total number of planes being bought.

President Truman disclosed in his budget message that the Air Force purchases planned for the fiscal year 1950 total 1,250 aircraft. While the 12-month period ends on June 30 there has not yet been any official announcement of specific plane types to be acquired.

The figures are interesting for whatever bearing they may have on the contents of the Navy and other critics of the Air Force that fighter development is suffering because of concentration of strategic bombing.

The fighter types and approximate numbers being bought are: 120 F-84-E Thunder jet fighter bombers for ground support, 111 F-86-A Sabres for penetration of enemy territory and interception of enemy attacks, 150 F-80-D Sabres for interception, 80 F-89 fighters, 142 F-94-A and 100 F-94-B night fighters. These total 683. In addition about 125 TF-80 jet trainers are being bought.

The Navy is buying 766 planes of all types in the same period. The fighters the Air Force is buying are in addition to 3,430 jets of five different types and 272 propeller-driven F-82 twin Mustangs bought since the war.

The F-80 Sabre is the fastest jet plane in service. It holds the world's speed record of 870.0 miles per hour. It could escort bombers over short ranges and combat enemy air forces for air supremacy. The D model is a modified version for interception of enemy bombers. The F-89 Scorpion and two models of F-94 are heavy air destroyers. Though they are fighter planes they have a gross take-off weight greater than that of a 21-passenger DC-3 airliner. They carry a complicated radar for night and bad weather fighting. They are more than 600 mph planes. Each carries a two-man crew. Each can fly higher than 40,000 feet and their combat radius is from 500 to 600 miles.—United Press.

Fighter types point up increasing specialisation in the fighter field.

For example the F-84-E fighter-bomber is built to support the Army ground forces. It can carry 2,000 pound bombs and 32 five-inch rockets. It is in the 500 mph class and has a combat radius of more than 550 miles.

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STAMP AUCTION

London, January 23. Old French stamps brought high prices at a Bond Street stamp auction today.

A block of six unused 40-cent French stamps issued in 1849 were sold for £400. A block of four 25-cent stamps of the same period went for £220 and a strip of three, a reprint of the 40-cent, realised £315.

A single one-Franc stamp known as "The Vermilion Cliff" which had been used, was sold for £200.

All the stamps were from the collection of Captain M. Penfold of Hove.—Associated Press.

Bucharest, January 23.

A Government decree today convoked the National Assembly for January 26. Parliament is expected to discuss the Government's projects for 1950.—United Press.

AUSTRIAN TREATY DEADLOCK

London, January 23. The Western deputies are likely to propose a further short adjournment at tomorrow's meeting of the Austrian deputies.

The three Western deputies are understood to have been in touch during the week-end on the policy to be followed in the absence of a Soviet guarantee to speed up direct negotiations with Austria on which further work by the deputies now depended.

A Western approach to the Soviet Government in Moscow last week to try to secure a speeding up of the State treaty negotiations is considered in official quarters here to have been a failure.

The deputies' conference has only two alternatives.

It could, as favoured by the Soviet deputy, Mr. George Zaruslin, continue to discuss Articles 16 and 27 of the treaty which are not directly dependent on the direct negotiations on Article 48.

On the other hand, it could adjourn until some decisive progress had been made on this Article.

In usually well-informed quarters here it is thought that the Western deputies will prefer to wait.

Since the conference met again in London about a fortnight ago the Western delegations have believed further discussions of the ungrated articles to be a waste of time until the negotiations between Moscow and Vienna are completed since the continuance of these talks would prevent the conclusion of a treaty.

The possibility of concluding a separate treaty between Austria and the Western Powers is not contemplated by the British delegation.—Reuters.

RESIGNATION OF GENERAL

Capetown, January 23. Lieutenant-General Len Beyers, Chief of the General Staff of the South African Defence Force, has resigned.

His resignation will take effect on March 15. No official explanation of General Beyers' resignation was available today nor was his successor announced.—Reuters.

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MARRIAGE

WONG LAM, Mr. & Mrs. Wong
Kwong Kwai announce the
forthcoming marriage of their
son, Wong Kwai Shui to Miss
Lau Yuk Long at the Re-
gistrar's Office, Supreme
Court, on 20th January 1950,
at noon.

OBITUARY

CHOY—Mrs. Choy Chung, wife
of Mr. Choy Chung, died
on 24th January 1950, at
her residence, 3, Cane Road,
on January 24, aged 72 years.
Funeral service will be held
at Hop Yut Church, Bonham
Road, on January 27 at 3 p.m.

THE INDUSTRIAL DEADLOCK

The industrial disputes in
Hong Kong have now been
dragging on for a long time,
happily in a very calm
atmosphere. That is due
largely to the absence of poli-
tics. Nobody can be sure it
will always be absent, and it
would be unwise to allow the
deadlock to go on too long.
If the disputes were to become
merged with political de-
mands from Peking the posi-
tion would be much more
serious. The sooner the dis-
putes here are settled on their
merits the better. The suspen-
sion of the tram service has
caused great inconvenience,
which the public have borne
with much patience. That
patience deserves its reward
in the speedy establishment
of an arbitration tribunal to
go into a demand common to
all the disputes—the claim
for an extra three dollars a
day allowance.

The tram workers have not
agreed to the principle of ar-
bitration, but they are said to
be awaiting the outcome of
the Dairy Farm dispute before
committing themselves one
way or the other. The Dairy
Farm employees alone have
so far accepted the principle
of arbitration. The deadlock in
this case is related to the per-
sonnel of the board. They
asked for Bishop Hall, or al-
ternatively the Labour Ad-
viser. The Company pre-
ferred a high judicial official
to which the Union objected
on the ground that hearing of
the dispute by a Judge would
put the workers in the class of
criminals or criminal suspects.

Now it is worth a good deal
to get the principle of arbitra-
tion accepted, and patience is
required in considering the
prejudices and misapprehen-
sions of the unions, however
ill-founded. It is, of course,
preposterous to suggest that
an arbitration tribunal would
be converted into a sort of
criminal assize if a Judge pre-
sided. The union would be in
exactly the same position
as the employers as parties to
the dispute. An arbitrator, in
the simplest terms, is an um-
pire or referee. The two
major considerations are im-
partiality and competence.
When you play a football
game you expect precisely
those qualities of the referee.
Neither team expects the re-
ference to play for itself—or
shouldn't anyway. And you
do not appoint as a soccer
referee an official who knows
little about soccer but a great
deal about cricket.

These simple truths are
expressed here because there
seems to be a tendency to
make sure that the referee
will be on the workers' side.
He will be if the facts go that
way, but they cannot expect

CHARACTERISTICS OF NEXT MONTH'S ELECTION

By "Windrush"

Every general election has
its own characteristics. The
present struggle is going to
be very different from the
one in 1945.

The general election in that
year was fought in peculiar cir-
cumstances. The existing Par-
liament had been in existence
for 10 years. In the last seven
of them there had been fought
the greatest war in history. A
great war and a revolution are
things very closely allied. In
1945 the mood of nearly all the
younger part of Great Britain,
and of a surprisingly large pro-
portion of the older part, was
more radical than had ever been
known before in those islands.

In normal times most people
treat politics as a rather hum-
drum thing. The business of
government has to be carried on
from day to day. Solutions have
to be found for problems as they
present themselves. Running the
state is very much like running
Lau Yuk Long at the Re-
gistrar's Office, Supreme
Court, on 20th January 1950,
at noon.

But times are not always
normal. And at times when
there has been great upheaval
and when strong emotions are
stirred, politics may be regard-
ed in quite a different way. Peo-
ple think then that by political
action it is possible to make the
world a much better place in a
very short space of time. At
such times a party has the key to
the secret. It is swept into
power.

Looking back

In 1945 the Labour Party was
in this enviable position. Look-
ing back, it is surprising that the
Labour Party did not do even
better at the election than it in-
fact did. It won 1,000,000
votes, against 9,000,000 for the
Tories. Labour's victory would
certainly have been greater if
the Conservative Party had not
possessed one tremendous asset,
the personality of Mr. Church-
ill. Mr. Churchill's tactics at
the election may, as was alleged,
have lost the Conservatives some
votes. But without Mr. Churchill
they would have been routed.

Among the 11,000,000 who vot-
ed Labour, a number of ideas
were dominant. If we desire to

the dispute to be prejudged.
They should understand also
that just as facts and not per-
sonalities must determine the
issue, so must the arbitrator be
qualified by training and
experience to deal fairly and
properly with the facts and
figures presented. That is all
the more important because
the demand for the extra al-
lowance is being applied to a
very wide field. Of course,
after the basic principle has
been decided there must still
be negotiations—with the
verdict as the basis—in the
individual utilities and in-
dustries, for their circum-
stances differ greatly. But
the main thing is the relation
between the cost of living and
the demand for the addition-
al allowance.

The choice for the Chair-
manship of the Tribunal ob-
viously lies between a mem-
ber of the Judiciary and a pro-
fessional economist. When,
last summer, a deadlock over
the rubber tappers' wages was
submitted for the first time in
the history of the industry in
Malaya to a Government ap-
pointed Board of Arbitration,
the Chairman was Professor
Silcock of the University of
Malaya—an economist who
also enjoyed the confidence of
both parties. With him sat a
nominee of the employers and
the workers' union.

The choice manifestly has to
be limited to one or the other
—a judge, trained in the
sifting of evidence and facts
and figures, or an economist
who would be on his
home ground in dealing
with the economic issues at
stake. The choice is very
important because the de-
cision or recommendations
may affect the entire field of
the present series of disputes.
If an economist of sufficient
eminence is available, the au-
thorities would doubtless be
only too happy to invite him
and thus avoid imposing on
the busy Courts here another
burden. Once the union
agrees to one or the other, we
feel certain it would not be
too difficult for the Commis-
sioner of Labour to suggest
the right person. The fullest
opportunity will, of course,
be given to both sides not
only to present evidence but
through their representatives
on the tribunal, to have their
case properly presented.

repeat its victory, it is a good
plan to consider whether these
ideas are still strong, or if they
have given place to others.

The first idea which was
popular was that the Conserva-
tive leaders, who except for a
brief two-year interval had held

Comments on the Election

The "China Mail" has
asked "Windrush" to send
his comments on the progress
of the election. These will
be published as they arrive
here in addition to our re-
gular reports on the develop-
ment of the campaign. This
is the first article.

power since 1924, were "guilty
men." The picture of them was
of men of cold hearts who had
pursued selfish or obscurantist
policies. Thereby they had land-
ed the country in the appalling
miseries and unemployment of
the great depression. It was al-
leged that they had looked on
unmoved at the slow death of

the Jarrow shipyards and
Rhondda coal mines.

Later, again because of their
class interests, they had be-
trayed the national interest by
acquiescing, until it was too late,
in the rise of Hitler. Thus the
story ran. The great war and
all its suffering was due to
their negligence. Had not Mr.
Churchill himself—who had in
the pre-war days fought the Tory
leaders over their foreign policy
—called it the "unnecessary
war"?

The second dominant idea was
that the Conservative Party was
intellectually bankrupt. It won
its elections by tricks. There had
been the Zinoviev letter in 1924,
the Post Office saving scare of
1931. Thus any arguments pro-
duced by the Tories were dis-
counted in advance as specious
and dishonest.

Reward due

The third idea was that the
ordinary working man, having
fought in two great wars in a
generation, was now entitled to
a reward. The reward was so-
cialist government.

The fourth idea was that
socialism "planning" was a

The new Republic of India

Tomorrow India's new con-
stitution comes into force.
Though staying in the Com-
monwealth India becomes a
sovereign independent re-
public. The King will have
no further place in India's
institutions. His head will no

Gandhi as its leader. He pitched
his standards too high for ordi-
nary men to live up to, and now
that he is dead there is an ex-
treme reaction towards cynicism.
Congress is not yet nearly so
debauched as the Kuomintang.
But there is danger of it going
the same way. Certainly in its
present mood it has not the force

By "Windrush"

longer appear on its stamps
or coins. No acts of state in
India will be done in his
name. India's warships will
no longer be His Majesty's
ships. India will now have
a President instead of a
Governor-General. The
Crown is being removed
from all public buildings.

In theory it is the Indian peo-
ple which is now sovereign. There
will of course be regret in Great
Britain that India and Britons
are no longer tied by owing al-
legiance to the same King. But
republican and nationalist feel-
ing in India is so strong that it
was never really to be expected
that a free India would maintain
the symbols of monarchy.

It is satisfactory enough that
republican India is willing to
remain in the Commonwealth
—just as it is satisfactory
that the other Dominions have
had the imagination to create in
the Commonwealth a special place
for a republic.

The constitution which comes
into force tomorrow is a re-
vision of the constitution con-
tained in the Government of
India Act of 1935. In some re-
spects the revision has gone very
far. Elements from the American
constitution have been introduced.
But even in its new form the
India constitution is recognisable
as an adaptation to Indian con-
ditions of the Westminster form
of parliamentary democracy.

New phase

The commencement of India's
existence as a republic is a new
phase in its history. It prompts
India's well-wishers to look at
the present state of its affairs.
India has clearly in many re-
spects done brilliantly well since
it achieved its independence two
and a half years ago. Yet recent
visitors to India bring back
worrying reports.

One of the most alarming
things in India is its economic
crisis. This has been much
written about. Because its popu-
lation is growing so fast, India
must import about 3 or 4 million
tons of grain a year. And because
its industry is stagnant, it can-
not develop the favourable mar-
gins in its balance of payments
which is needed for financing the
deficit. India's Prime Minister,
Mr. Nehru, has repeatedly said
that after 1952 India will import
no more food grains. But so far
the India Government has done
very little to show how it will
prevent people starving if food
imports are really stopped.

Some abroad observers think
that an even graver danger than
the food shortage is the psychol-
ogy of the governing party, the
Congress. Everybody agrees that
Congress has been creeping over-
board. It has lost its force
and fire and is increasingly cor-
rupt. It is coming to attract the
young men in the country. For-
tunately Congress has had too long
a history. Perhaps too long to
pay a price for having had Mr.

and ardour to deal with any-
thing so baffling as India's econ-
omic difficulties.

Dangerous rival

Congress has an increasingly
dangerous rival in the Hindu
Mahasabha. This is a kind of
fascist party whose aim is to
turn India into a purely Hindu
state organised on traditionalist
and orthodox lines. To the great
credit of Congress, the present
government has stuck fast to its
policy of making India a "secular
state" in which people of all re-
ligions—and especially the In-
dian Muslims—would feel that
they have an equal place with
the Hindus. At the time of Mr.
Gandhi's assassination the Hindu
Mahasabha was banned because
though it was not concerned with
the murder, its propaganda had
helped to make the atmosphere
which led to the murder. Now that
the Mahasabha has been allowed
to function again, one of its first
acts has been to call on the In-
dian Government to re-incor-
porate Pakistan in India by force
of arms. Few statements could
be more inflammatory.

In the long run, the worst
enemy of Congress may be the
Indian Communists. There are
many mysteries about the Com-
munist Party of India. In the last
few years it has been deeply
divided and there have been im-
portant purges. Very curiously,
the Indian Communist leaders de-
nounced the Chinese Communist
Party last summer as being re-
actionary. The Communists in
India are not yet strong enough
to win elections or do more than
stir up three or four areas in
India by terrorism. Over the long
period, however, they will be-
come an increasing danger.

The Indian Government will
thus not have an easy path in
the next few years. It is for this
reason that there is so much an-
xiety in Great Britain and Amer-
ica over India's never-ending
quarrel with Pakistan. It is ridi-
culous that a country faced with
so many economic difficulties
should spend 65 per cent of its
reserves on its army, chiefly for
operations in Kashmir.

If the Chinese seize Tibet, In-
dia will need to transfer a part of
its army to its North-East front-
ier. Recently, Pakistan has
seemed to the outside world more
ready than India to accept the
proposals of the Security Coun-
cil for ending the dispute. The
Indian Government perhaps does
not realise the extent to which
it has compromised its moral
prestige by its resort to force in
Kashmir—and in Hyderabad.

The best way for the Indian
Government to celebrate the birth
of the Indian republic is to make
yet one more attempt to come
to terms with Pakistan. If it
succeeds, that would be the best
possible omen for the Republic's
great future.

technique which if put into
force, could both bring about
social justice and raise the stan-
dard of living. What stood in
its way was selfish class inter-
ests. These must be swept away.
Socialism was the national and
economical way of governing.

These were the ideas with
which much of the public faced
the election of 1945. They had
swamped the country partly be-
cause there had been many years
of able and mostly unexplained
propaganda by left-wing writers.
In the nineteen thirties the En-
glish intelligentsia had become
political and become predomi-
nantly "leftish." There was a
constant stream of pamphlets,
speeches and lectures even pam-
phlets. The Tories may not have
taken this very seriously at the
time. But the harvest came in
1945. A picture had been built
up in the public mind of the
"Bad Old Days of Tory misrule."

Has there been a change of
ideas since 1945? Not perhaps as
much as the Tories hope and be-
lieve. The picture of the "bad
old days" is firmly fixed. In
many respects it is very un-
fair and distorted picture. But
much of the public now believes
in it. A very large part of the
electorate still distrusts the
Tory leaders, and believes that
its promises are a political
sleight of hand. But the electo-
rate probably has changed. Its
ideas in one respect. It has no
longer its rather simple-minded
faith in "planning" and therefore
in socialism.

This may prove to be the issue
on which the election of 1950
turns. It is true that the mass of
the people very much approves
of the social changes brought
about by the Labour Govern-
ment. It is true that it is still
suspicious of the Tories. It be-
lieves that a Tory Government
may mean unemployment once
more. It fears that it would
restrict the social services and
reduce, or end, the food subsidies.
All this prompts it to stay faith-
ful to Labour. But it has also
the suspicion, or fear, that a so-
cialist system may end in put-
ting the country on the rocks, in
causing the pound to crash, and
in creating the very unemploy-
ment which it is one of the chief
aims of socialism to avoid.

Judging from recent public
opinion polls, this doubt is very
active now in the minds of many
people. Will it continue to be so,
right up to polling day? That is
the doubt. Some of those who
would vote Conservative if the
election were tomorrow, many
at the time of the election cam-
paign have had their faith re-
vised and once more vote Labour.

U.S. ASKS KOREA TO HOLD SHIP

Seoul, January 24.
The U.S. Embassy today asked
the Korean Government to de-
tain at Pusan the liberty ship
Hilli, one of 42 merchant vessels
the United States would like to
repossess from Nationalist China.
The ship arrived today with
coal from Taiwan.
The U.S. State Department last
week announced it would seek to
repossess the vessels because the
Nationalists had defaulted on
about \$10,000,000 in principal and
interest due the Maritime Com-
mission and Import-Export Bank.
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HAGUE ANXIOUS OVER WESTERLING REVOLT

Netherlands' fear of the consequences SYMPATHISERS IN JAVA

The Hague, January 23.

Dutch Government circles are making no effort to conceal their great anxiety over the Westerling revolt.

Informed quarters generally see it as holding dangerous possibilities, though it is not a coup d'etat. Even if Westerling is successful temporarily, it is quite certain that there will be no Dutch co-operation with him, it was stated here today on good authority.

If the Republican Government feels unable to deal with this sudden outbreak of hostility it could, under the agreement under which sovereignty was transferred, ask for Dutch help, but it is understood in responsible quarters here that no direct help will be given unless it is specifically asked for and mutual agreement reached on the form it should take.

BANGKOK ANSWERS PEKING

Bangkok, January 23.

A Thai Foreign Ministry official commenting on Peking radio charges that over 500,000 Chinese are being interned in Thailand, said the Foreign Office here had received no protest on any subject from the Chinese Government.

The official said that the Thai Government has no objection to the Chinese Government's right to intern its own citizens in its own territory, but that the Thai Government has no objection to the Chinese Government's right to intern its own citizens in its own territory.

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Philippines will co-operate with U.S.

Manila, January 24.

The U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, Philip C. Jessup, left for Saigon today after securing pledges of Philippine co-operation in President Truman's Point Four programme and of maintenance of the United States defence line in the islands.

Dr. Jessup refused any comment on the two conferences he held yesterday with Philippine Government officials. The subject of his discussions was revealed by Philippine sources.

The acting Foreign Secretary, Fernan Neri, said he gave an "unqualified yes" answer to Dr. Jessup's query whether the Philippines would be willing to act as a "show window" in the Far East to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Point Four programme designed to aid under-developed countries in making effective use of their own resources and abilities in improving their economic situation.

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No Tito in China today --Angus Ward

Washington, January 23. Angus Ward, former United States Consul-General at Mukden, said today that there is no Tito in China. He added: "If he has been born, he is not on the stage today."

Mr. Ward made the statement after a White House conference with President Truman and the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson. He said he could find no evidence of a political breach between the Chinese Communists and Moscow. He discounted reports of cleavage between the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, and Marshal Josef Stalin, such as exist between the Soviet leader and Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia.

Mr. Ward said his discussion with President Truman afforded him an opportunity to express his appreciation for the tremendous support and encouragement he received from the President, the Secretary of State and the American people when he was in trouble. --United Press

U.S. defence chiefs see Mr. Truman

Washington, January 23.

President Truman, his Cabinet and military advisers today held their third weapons evaluation conference, but a White House spokesman said, "No new development prompted the meeting."

The Army Secretary, the Navy Secretary and the Air Force Secretary were not present at the meeting, but they were expected to attend the meeting. The meeting was held in the White House, and it was attended by the President, the Vice President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. Ross said meetings had been held every 90 days and they will continue to be held at these intervals. They keep Mr. Truman posted on what is being done in the field of weapons, he added.

Mr. Ross said short statements were made at the meeting by the Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, and the Army Chief of Staff, General Omar Bradley.

Other military advisers present included General Hoyt Vandenberg, chief of the Air Force, General Douglas MacArthur, Army Chief of Staff, Admiral Forrest Sherman, chief of Navy Operations, and the Secretaries of Army, Air and Navy as well as Lieutenant-General John Hull, head of the Defense Department's Weapons System Evaluation Board. --United Press

LI TSUNG-JEN CONVALESCING

New York, January 23.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen of Nationalist China, who underwent an operation last December 18, was reported convalescing today at an undisclosed address in the fashionable Riverside section of the Bronx.

A spokesman for Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center said the Chinese leader left the hospital on Saturday.

President Li arrived here by plane on December 7 to enter the hospital for surgical observation. Subsequently he was operated on for an ulcerated condition of the stomach.

President Li's convalescence will be directed for another month by his physician, the spokesman said, adding that President Li has satisfactorily and completely recovered from this operation and his complete recovery from his illness is confidently expected by the end of his convalescence. --Associated Press

city after some machine-gun bursts.

Capture of the Central part of the city cut all communications with the garrison town except for one Dutch military wire.

When the news reached here the Government flew 250 troops of a mobile police brigade in 13 borrowed Dutch planes to keep the Dutch military wire open.

The Defence Minister, Sultan Kamengku Buwono, called a conference of all his senior army commanders after he and Premier Hatta had conferred with the Netherlands High Commissioner, Dr. H. Hirschfeld.

After this conference, Major-General D.R.K. Vlamingen, Dutch Chief of Staff, arranged to fly to Bandung to take personal charge of the Dutch forces.

All Dutch troops in West Java and Jakarta were confined to their barracks tonight. --Reuter and Associated Press

FURTHER RED EXPANSION IN ASIA FEARED

New York, January 23.

"The Times" editorial today expressed the fear of further Communist expansion in Asia. It pointed out the possibility that Russia might give Communist China a free hand in South East Asia as compensation for Russian expansion in the North.

"The Times" said: "Current indications of expansionist aims on the part of the Chinese Communists naturally cause increasing uneasiness in all neighbouring countries."

"The most sensitive spot naturally is Indo-China. The Peking regime recognised the existing Viet Nam regime as the legitimate republic of Viet Nam. It further states that it cannot tolerate abuse of Chinese nationals in Indo-China and charged the French with atrocities."

"The claim that the security of Chinese nationals must be protected was also set forward as a complaint against Thailand there is a large Chinese population."

"The same doctrine of protecting Chinese can also be advanced in the cases of Malaya and Indonesia. Further, the bait of 'protection' is being offered to Tibet."

"The general pattern indicates at least a possibility that Communist China may sooner or later receive some sort of compensatory offer from the Soviet Union similar to that given to Poland. Expansion in the South may be Red China's recompense for submitting to Russian expansion in the North."

A moral

In Manchester, the "Manchester Guardian" suggested today that U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, must really have got under the skin of the Russian having designs on North China, for he has earned the unusual distinction of a logical reply.

"There is a possible moral here," the Liberal newspaper added.

"Unlike the Western Powers, the Russians seem concerned primarily about their long-term relations with the Chinese, so that the fact that China is an immense asset in the momentary cold war, while very welcome, is not for them the main point."

"They are treating the problem on a very different level to the British Conservatives and the American Republicans, for whom the question is rather how to strengthen the front against Communism now."

"The 'Manchester Guardian' said that 'a situation where the Western Powers aimed to use the Far Eastern peoples for their own ends, risking war in Asia for objects of no great interest to the Asians, would be ideal for the Communists.'

"We are to be hurtled into a short-term policy while Russia is short-sighted, we are to offer armies, officials and interference while she poses in contrast as a disinterested friend."

"The one thing we may not do is to go out of our way to show a genuine sympathy with Asian nationalism and to expose, as Mr. Acheson has tentatively tried to do, Russia's own self-interest." --"Manchester Guardian" concluded. --United Press and Reuter

"STRONG MAN" TO RULE IN BULGARIA

Belgrade, January 23.

Vulko Volov Chervenkov, strong man of the Bulgarian regime and most pro-Russian of the Bulgarian Politbureau members, is expected to succeed Vasil Petkov Kolarov as Premier.

Kolarov died in Sofia today.

For all practical purposes, Chervenkov has been running the Bulgarian Communist regime for a long time. Kolarov, 73-year-old Premier who died today, had been considered senile and a figurehead ever since he took over the post vacated last year through the death of Georgi Dimitroff.

Chervenkov, a brother-in-law of Dimitroff, is a great bulk of a man and is 49 years old. He has been in Moscow and is understood to have been the main behind the purge which resulted in the conviction and execution of the former Foreign Minister, Traicho Kostov.

The Yugoslavs are not encouraged over prospects of Chervenkov taking over. He is considered about the most pro-Russian of Bulgarian officials, extremely anti-Tito and a last-ditch opponent of the idea of a Bulgarian-Yugoslav federation, a project Dimitroff toyed with for a while until slapped down by the Kremlin.

Chervenkov's career with Communism dates back to 1919, when he joined the Party and then took part in the 1925 Communist uprising. He then fled to Moscow, where he studied Marxist dialectics, returning home in 1934 to become a member of the Bulgarian Communist Party Politburo. His rise since then has been meteoric. He attended the meeting in Warsaw in September 1947 which created the Cominform.

Kolarov's death was due to heart failure, a Government bulletin announced in Sofia tonight. Medical examination showed that the Premier's heart had been affected by artificial sclerosis (hardening of the arteries), which had developed over the past several years. --United Press and Reuter

TRUCULENT FUND

Hamilton, Bermuda, January 23.

A fund for the dependents of the men who lost their lives in the Truculent disaster was started today by Vice-Admiral R. V. Symonds, Taylor, commander-in-chief, America and West Indies Squadron, and his wife. --Associated Press

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Woman Today

LAST YEAR'S FASHIONS 1950 WILL NOT OUST

By Iris Ashley

We are beginning to feel like the little bird who flew backwards because he didn't care where he was going. He only wanted to see where he had been.

All because we have been reading about and seeing endless pictures (some quite painfully ugly) of the fashions of the past 50 years.

Being a bit on the practical side, we thought we'd not go farther back than 1949 (that old year!) and see what out of all the '49 fashions we think will continue into 1950.

The short evening dress, we believe, is only just catching on and will stay. It can't be confused with the "ballerina" dresses of the previous year, because they were essentially "late day" dresses, they were more severe at the bodice, often having long sleeves, and of darker and heavier materials.

Have you noticed how these new short evening dresses, generally speaking, get away from black? At the most they are a black-and-colour combination. The glamour is in the low décolletage, the skirt which is generally full below a tight bodice and flows out with the movement of the wearer. The one sketched here comes from America.

It is a slim-looking satin sheath of a dress under folds of chiffon, very feminine and becoming. The colour is pale apricot, a colour which we are expecting to see much of in the spring collections.

The suit has the tight skirt (with a small slit to allow for walking) of Paris, autumn '49, which is still very much with us. The jacket has fullness, fullness which is so kind to the figure and curves in rather than out around its hemline. This style of jacket is often only held in by a belt and can be worn as a loose coat over odd skirts.

The lady on the right is wearing 1950's variation on the theme of the beach dress. You are going to meet this design in all materials, glamorous silks which, with the removal of the bolero, turn day into evening and, we predict, lots of them in light-coloured wool jersey. With more and more women leading the kind of life which takes them straight from the office to a dinner-date the advantages of such a dress are obvious.

In the day-time, with a scarf at the neck, it looks neat and tidy; for evening with the scarf removed, attractive jewellery, good gloves, and small dressy hat—it's hey, presto!

The girls who are crystal-gazing are wondering whether they will follow America in cropping their tops shorter and shorter. Those two old gypsies Marshall and Ashley foretold the answer as "Yes—shorter hair till next autumn, anyway."

CORRECTION

The Editor wishes to apologise to Miss Janet Martin for inadvertently slipping the word "sleeves" into the second paragraph of her story last Sunday on The New Spring Suits. The sentence should read: "Jackets are a little shorter, too..."

In future we shall make it a point to look up our proof-reader's sleeves before going to press.



Dior talks about 1950 fashions

By Alix Lamotte

Christian Dior is now preparing his Spring collection, which will be characterised by freedom, informality and a studied "sweet disorder."

At the moment Christian has buried himself in the country. He needs silence and almost complete isolation to create the 200 models that will sweep the women of two continents off their feet when he presents them during the first week in February.

But he came up to Paris for two hours last week and told me this about the "mode Dior" for 1950.

I'm not at all sure yet about the theme I shall take as inspiration, but my gowns will be youthful, softly rounded and free-and-easy.

They will allow the modern woman to take part in modern life. There will be nothing of the early nineteen-twenties about them.

At that time most women looked like paintings of Byzantine statuettes with flat, angular bodies, and they covered themselves with jewels (genuine) to call attention to their husbands' business success and the wealth of the victorious nations of World War I.

More developed

But now the victorious nations are poor, and jewellery is often imitation.

They nearly all do some kind of sport too, their busts and hips are more developed, their waists thinner than their mothers'. My 1950 dress will take this into account.

Women nowadays are more active, they rush about those who have a car drive it themselves instead of taking the back seat.

The gowns I am designing

Something new in petticoats



RECIPES

Fish salad

1 cup cooked or tinned fish, small lettuce leaves, 1 small cucumber, 2 hard-boiled eggs, 2 tomatoes, 2 cooked potatoes, chopped parsley, salad dressing, parsley to garnish, 1 lemon.

Remove the skin and bones from the fish and flake finely. Peel the cucumber and cut into dice. Mix with the fish and flavour well with salt, pepper and lemon juice. Line a wooden platter with lettuce leaves. Place the fish mixture in the centre, piling high.

Put the tomatoes, potatoes and eggs into slices. Arrange alternately from the top of the fish mound down to the base. Sprinkle the chopped parsley between the rows and garnish the salad with large pieces of parsley and slices of lemon.

Chill thoroughly before serving with salad dressing.

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John Guthrie, a sea-crazy lad of 14, is lifted over the rails of the rescue trawler Reptonian into the arms of a police inspector (left) and a plainclothes police officer (right) on arrival at Aberdeen. John had sailed the 35-ton fishing yawl "Glen Jean" from Arbroath, Scotland, 130 miles alone into the North Sea. He was found in a sorry plight by the trawler Reptonian after a four day search. Sea-sick Johnny said he never wants to go to sea again. John was taken to a remand home.—Associated Press Photo.

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL DEBATES SOMALILAND

Geneva, January 23.

ADMIRAL POWER SEES ABDULLAH

Amman, January 24.—Admiral Arthur Power, commander of the Mediterranean Fleet and Allied Commander, British Minister to Hashemite Jordan, today left Amman to visit King Abdullah who is at Shunich.

The King was originally to have visited the British Fleet at Naples but bad weather caused him to postpone the visit and the Fleet will probably be visited by the Crown Prince, Emir Talal, and the King's representative.

The Prince and his father's representative will be introduced to the Duke of Edinburgh.

MOSCOW DENIAL

London, January 23.—The Soviet Tass agency denied today reports credited to "French statement"—that the USSR has negotiated a trade agreement with Spain.

The Tass denial was broadcast by Radio Moscow and heard in London.

Earlier reports from Madrid had said that the Spanish Government, hard pressed for wheat, was trying to buy grain from Russia.—Associated Press.

The use of the word "training" as applied to school-teachers and horses delayed the Trusteeship Council for more than half an hour today during the discussions on the adoption of the Somaliland trusteeship agreement with Italy.

Article 4 of the draft agreement includes provisions for "institutions for the preparation of teachers."

The Australian delegate, Mr. John Hood, declared his preference for the word "training" but the Iraqi delegate, Zayn al-Abidin, declared that this was better used for horses and not teachers.

Mr. Hood said that for this matter one "prepared" food and not teachers.

The Australian amendment to Article 4 was eventually voted by six to two, with three abstentions.

The Trusteeship Council began discussion of the Italian trusteeship agreement immediately today.

It is understood that since Italy's administration begins

Senator gets nowhere

Washington, January 23.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today refused to tell Senator William F. Knowland, California Republican, who it was that wrote a State Department report on Taiwan.

Senator Knowland, critic of Administration policy on China, told the Senate that Mr. Acheson's action is "another example of the iron curtain. The State Department is lowering against Congress."

Senator Knowland has demanded to know who drafted a memorandum on December 23 which he said indicated that Taiwan could not be held for long and to do everything possible to prepare the public for the loss of the island and to stress the fact that it was not needed for the strategic defense of the U.S.

The California Senator has contended that this memo was a part of the State Department's plan to cut off further aid to the Chinese Nationalist government.

President Harry Truman has barred any further military aid to the Nationalists.

Senator Knowland said he had denied the names of the authors of the Taiwan report by Mr. George Kennan, the Under-Secretary. Mr. Acheson wrote Senator Knowland that he fully agrees with the position taken by Mr. Kennan.—Associated Press.

with the approval of the agreement by the United Nations General Assembly, work will go forward on it as rapidly as possible to enable the transfer of authority from Britain to Italy to take place before the monsoons.

He was also reported to have said, "Hitler was to a great extent the result of the Versailles Treaty and the pusillanimity of France."

The West German Federal Chancellor today issued a statement dissociating himself from Dr. Dehler's speech.

Dehler, a Bavarian, is Chairman of the Free Democratic Party in Bavaria.

The 53-year-old bespectacled Minister entered politics in his early 20's.

He was a co-founder of the Anti-Nazi Reich movement. He is reported to have been active in the anti-Nazi opposition group of General Ludwig Beck and Heinrich Goessler who were behind the abortive bomb plot against Hitler in 1944.

For a short time during that year he was sent to a labour camp by the Nazis but he was soon released owing to illness.

After the war he was State prosecutor in Bavaria.

He was elected to the West German Parliament as a Free Democrat in August last year.

Dehler told correspondents here that part of his speech at Hamburg last night had been misquoted in the Press, according to the West German news agency, DPA.—Reuter.

During today's meeting, the Council approved the preamble to the agreement and four of its articles. Discussion of Article 1, concerning the delimitation of the Somaliland boundaries, where they have not already been done so, was postponed until later this week at the request of the United States delegate, Mr. Francis B. Sayre.

Advisory Council

This, it is understood, is to allow delegates time to discuss in private meetings the whole boundary question.

The Council then approved Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5. These concern: First, the establishment of an Advisory Council composed of the representatives of Egypt, Colombia and the Philippines.

Secondly, the administration of the territory in accordance with the United Nations Charter.

Thirdly, the development of an effective and sound educational system, with due regard for Islamic culture and religion.

Fourthly, the full collaboration of Italy with the General Assembly and the Trusteeship Council in the discharge of all their functions as defined by the United Nations Charter. The Council then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Washington asks Britain to help

Washington, January 23.—The U.S. State Department has asked Britain to use its good offices with the Chinese Communists to try to obtain the release of two Americans who had been flying commercial planes for the Nationalists.

Diplomatic authorities, who reported this today, said the action was taken because Britain has a Consul at Kunming in South China and has recognized the Communist regime. The U.S. has ordered all its remaining Consuls out of Communist China.

The flyers are Robert Buell and James B. McGovern, who were employees of the Nationalist Civil Air Transport line. They were seized when the Communists advanced in South China to the Indo-China frontier.—Associated Press.

FRENCH PROTEST IN BONN

Bonn, January 23.

The French High Commissioner, M. Andre Francois Poncelet, today protested to the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, against a speech in which Dr. Thomas Dehler, Minister of Justice, was reported to have told a meeting of his Free Democratic Party, "It is time to tell the world that it was not through the exclusive guilt of Germany that the phenomenon of Hitler was possible."

He was also reported to have said, "Hitler was to a great extent the result of the Versailles Treaty and the pusillanimity of France."

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BRITISH TRADE WITH MALAYA

Singapore, January 23.

Britain is as anxious as ever to maintain and increase the flow of goods from the United Kingdom to Malaya and to be the best possible customer for her raw materials and manufactured goods, Britain's Trade Commissioner in Singapore, Mr. H. M. MacKenzie, stated.

In the first half of last year, Malaya imported Straits \$180,000,000 worth of goods from the U.K. and exported Straits \$95,000,000 worth.

Mr. MacKenzie listed the following as being the principal items of imports from the U.K.—Cloth, machinery and equipment for industry, plantations and public services, and transport equipment such as cars, trucks and rolling stock.—Associated Press.

Italian troops to leave this week to occupy Somaliland

London, January 23.

The British Government expects at any moment news from Rome that Italian forces will sail for Italian Somaliland by Friday.

This would avoid the risk of an eight months' delay in the handing over of Italy's former colony, an authoritative source said here tonight.

The British Middle East Land Forces, the headquarters responsible for garrisoning the territory, has calculated Friday to be the deadline for the departure of an Italian military advance force to enable British troops to hand over and withdraw before the monsoon, he added.

Perhaps because of Italy's governmental crisis, the expected confirmation that they would sail had tonight not reached London.

The monsoon blows from April to the end of September, when the port of Mogadishu is weather-bound, the spokesman said.

He thought that Britain would co-operate with an Italian "air-lift," but only as a last resort, since the airfield at Mogadishu is reported to have a very limited capacity.

The British Military Attache has worked out plans with the Italian Government for the arrival of the Italian advance contingent, to number 800 men, and these plans only need confirmation and implementation, he said.

Actual hand-over He recalled that the first batch of Italian Government officials, to administer the former colony under United Nations trusteeship, had already arrived a fortnight ago.

Observers here think that it is out of the question for British troops to withdraw without being replaced by Italians, both because of the past disturbances in Somaliland and because the frontier with Ethiopia is undelimited.

British officials have repeatedly stated that arrangements for handing over to Italy were without prejudice to the negotiations now going on in the United Nations Trusteeship Council at Geneva for a trusteeship agreement.

They have declared that the actual hand-over will not take place until the trusteeship agreement is in effect.—Reuter.

LONDON STOCKS

London, January 23.—Improvement in Government bonds brought a slight rise to industrial shares in a dull session of the Stock Exchange. Japanese bonds dropped sharply on reports from Tokyo of organised Communist resistance to any peace treaty without Russia.

The 1899 issues dropped 1/8d. and the 1907's dropped the same amount. Oil shares recovered in late trading from early dullness. Mining stocks drifted lower in slow trading.

Financial Times Index: 103.5.—Associated Press.

LONDON TIN

London, January 23.—The London tin market was slow today with a total turnover of only 40 tons.

Cash tin was unchanged at £599 10s bid, and £600 asked. Thirty-day futures advanced 12/6d. to £592 10s bid, 2593 asked. Settlement tin was unchanged at £600.—Associated Press.

Singapore, January 23.

The Singapore and Federation Governments hope to begin licensing Japanese imports into Malaya early next month under the Straits \$42,000,000 share allocated by Britain to this country, Sarawak and North Borneo for the year ending June 1950.—Associated Press.

RUBBER CAMPAIGN IN U.S.

New York, January 23.

The British Rubber Development Board has opened a nationwide advertising campaign in the United States to increase the sales and dollar-earning capacity of British-produced natural rubber.

Advertisements are appearing in newspapers and magazines in many major cities as part of an attempt to do "a better selling job" and to expand the market "in an American way."

President Truman, Mr. Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, and Mr. Paul Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, the advertisements said, have all agreed that the solution to a better balance in world trade is for the United States to import more goods.

"And they all agree that the real answer is for industries in other countries to do a better selling job over here, to study United States markets to advertise and to merchandise these products," the advertisements pointed out.

"It is for just such purposes that the leading dollar-earner of all the industries in the offering area—the rubber producer—has set up the Natural Bureau in the United States."

"Natural rubber alone earned nearly as many dollars for the sterling area last year as did all of Britain's manufactured goods. This was in spite of the fact that natural rubber was selling to American rubber manufacturers this past year at less than the pre-war prices, while most other major agricultural products in the world were selling at two or three times the pre-war costs."—Reuter.

Messerschmitt's tour of India

New Delhi, January 23.

The German aircraft designer, H. Messerschmitt, on a month's tour of India with his production manager, E. Hentzen, refuses to talk to reporters or be photographed.

The Government, who invited Herr Messerschmitt, have declined to discuss his mission.

But local papers suggest that he is here to advise the Government on the manufacture of planes and prefabricated houses.

The papers say that Messerschmitt has already submitted a report to the Government on his visit to the Hindustan aircraft factory at Bangalore.

Herr Messerschmitt is leaving today for Calcutta and the Jamshedpur iron and steel works.—Associated Press.



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TEEN AGE TOPICS

Career book--Part 7:

Parents' guidance is important

By Betty Betz



There's an old Chinese saying that the word "crisis" is spelled with two characters. One means "danger," and the other means "opportunity." The parents' guidance and understanding can convince your youngster that failure can be the incentive to go out and really make good. Rebuilding his wounded pride and self-confidence provides a swell chance for you to prove yourself a crackjack parent.

Your youngster may flaunt signs of exaggerated independence as soon as he becomes a wage earner. Don't let this worry you because it usually wears off by the end of the second week when he realizes that he's not so important after all, and that it's comforting to have the security of a home.

Parents in the background. If a son or daughter does persist in throwing the weight around and asserting the "I-can-do-what-I-want" attitude, just keep calm.

Remind him that independence goes hand in hand with responsibility. This may include, if he's living at home, a regular contribution to his share of the family expenses, even though you may not need the money.

Away from home

This will give him a clearer idea of the value of his earnings, and will help him manage his funds more sensibly when he starts on his own.

Sometimes young people who have lived away from home for a few years, in college and then pretty rough going when they're working and living with the family, especially when meals and hours are worked on a check-in and check-out schedule.

"I can't live on my own. Why can't I do what I please?" is a common gripe. In this case, try to be as understanding as possible. It's a good idea to get together and work out a peace pact that sets down your off-spring's liberties. But don't

try to stick to the same code you used for high school!

So we all go through some difficulties with families, unless we have parents who don't care a hoot what we do and what kind of parents are they, anyway? Of course you parents love your kids and hate to see them grow up and leave you.

If you can convince them that they'll be happier living and working in their own home towns, by all means try to do it. I know of a few girls who leave small towns to try to become models, actresses, or attempt other publicized jobs which they imagine are glamorous whirls of riches, fame and romance.

Competition is tough in these fields, and only very few girls make the grade even after working hard and getting all the lucky breaks. Some of them dream that they'll meet and marry a rich play-boy until they finally find out that the chaps who pose as playboys around town usually spend every cent they have on keeping up those false appearances.

Those wolves!

Incidentally, these wolves on wheels would run like crazy from the very thought of shoes and rice and all that nice stuff. That's why a girl who has to get it out of her system is marter if she goes to the big city on a trial basis, with no emotional split with the family. If and when she finds out that the big town is not for her, she can come home with a clean conscience.

If she finds a job which makes her happy, and her living conditions are favourable, she may decide to stay. But the poor girl who has to live in a filthy furnished room, but arrives home with a clean conscience.

She'd probably be much happier back home with a family who adore her, and true friends she can count on. Of course she can't go back, but if she's had a row with her family before leaving home, she might be too proud.

Talk thing over

So before any son or daughter takes a train into the wide blue yonder, sit down calmly and talk the whole thing over sensibly. Ask them to show you how they'll manage their expenses on their salary, and if Dad wants to help out a bit in the beginning, I'm sure it will be appreciated, but don't overdo it!

But whatever happens, don't ever make your kids feel that they can't count on you. It's a wonderful, exciting feeling when you're young to be ambitious and independent, but on the other hand, it's horrible to have to worry about what would happen if you were sick, lost your job, or went bankrupt.

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U.S. uniformed youth

Two-hundred-and-fifty organizations in America report more than \$5,000,000 a year keeping the youth of the country occupied in its spare time.

The majority of these organizations base their recreation programmes on the simple life of the Red Indian tribes.

The Boy Scouts of America movement, made up of 2,250,000 Scouts, is the largest in the world. These Scouts are the only young people in uniform in America, for American public opinion has given hardly any support to cadet movements such as are found in Britain.

The number of non-uniformed groups, however, is apparently limitless. There are racial and religious groups, town and country movements, and groups which encourage boys and girls to do anything from keeping pigs to taking psychology tests.

Youth hostels and farm clubs for holidays on the land are also popular, but perhaps the strongest American youth club is the group to be found in almost every drug store sitting on stools, sipping ice-cream sodas, and doing nothing more engaging than listening to the juke-box organ.

Platter chatter

The first batch of Mercury records to arrive in Hong Kong is an excellent lot and the label is particularly strong in male singers with Vic Damone, Frankie Laine, Eddy Howard, John Laurence and Richard Haynes.

Haynes is still in his teens and shows great promise with his first sides which are: "Lingering Down the Lane," "A Breathless Promise," "My Miracle," and "My Love Loves Me."

There are many versions of the hit tune "You're Breaking My Heart" but Vic Damone's is unquestionably the best. Vic is a singer and not one of those whispering crooners.

His first Mercury album is made up of six evergreen favourites: "Sweet Sue," "If I Had You," "Girl of My Dreams," "Love is Just Around the Corner," "They Didn't Believe Me," and "In the Middle of the Night."

John Laurence's big number is the Teen Time favourite, "Once in Love With Amy" and I also like his revival of the old tune, "I Understand." Oh How I Miss You Tonight, Deep Night and Sweet and Lovely.

Eddy Howard shows sharp discernment in coupling Room Full of Roses with Yes, Yes in Your Eyes. Another fine pair from him are: Maybe It's Because and Tell Me Why. It is quite possible that his release of To Each His Own backed with Missouri Waltz will be one of the best sellers.

Boogie Woogie

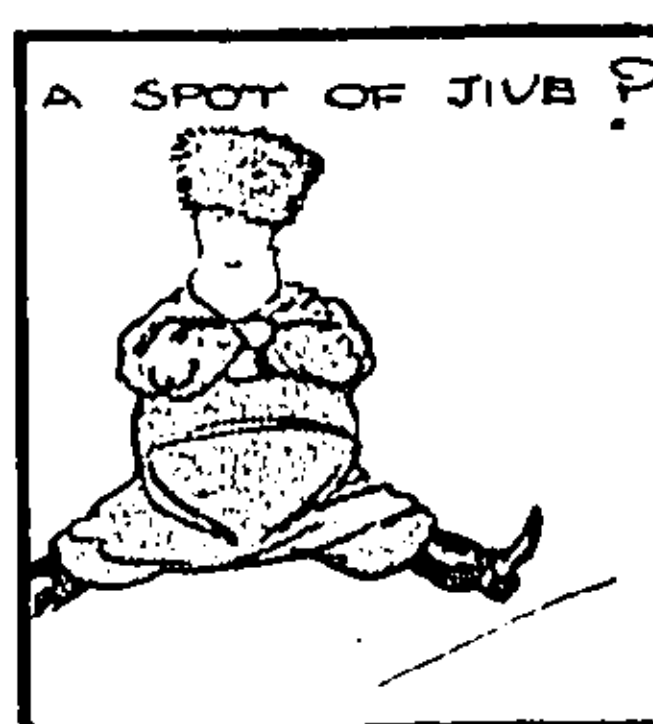
There has been a dearth of good Boogie Woogie records lately, but Mercury has stepped into the breach with some good numbers by two of the long Eight-to-a-bar pianists, namely Albert Ammons and Jack Fina.

Ammons is recognised as the leader among boogie players and Jack Fina is celebrated for his Bumble Boogie recorded when he was pianist for Freddy Martin's orchestra.

Sultry-voiced Patti Page leads the roster of Mercury girls and her best record is Just One Way to Say I Love You.

Anne Vincent has two lively numbers to her credit, a fast "A" You're Adorable and the novelty turn Cornbelt Symphony.

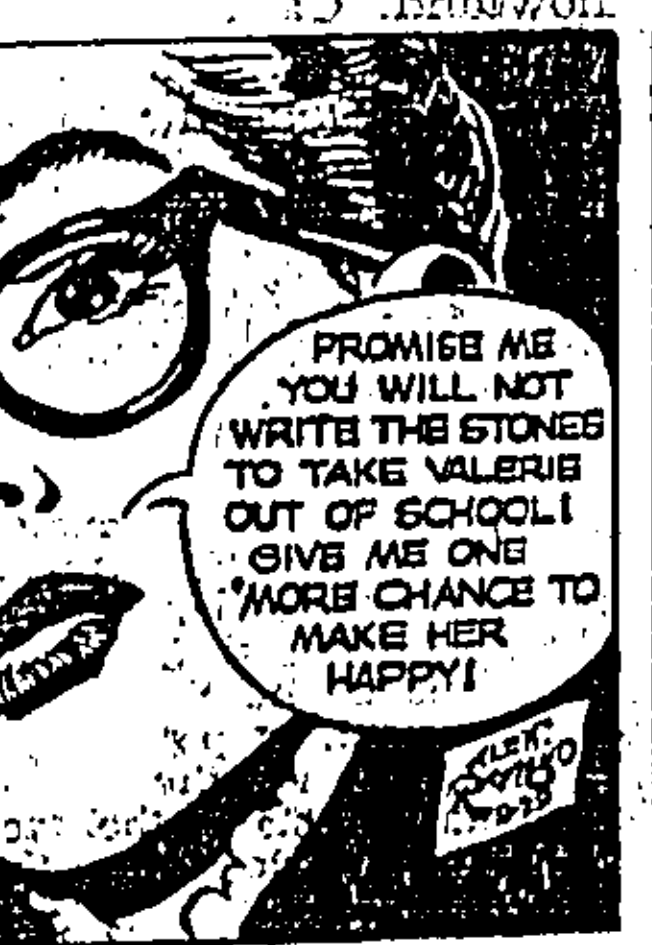
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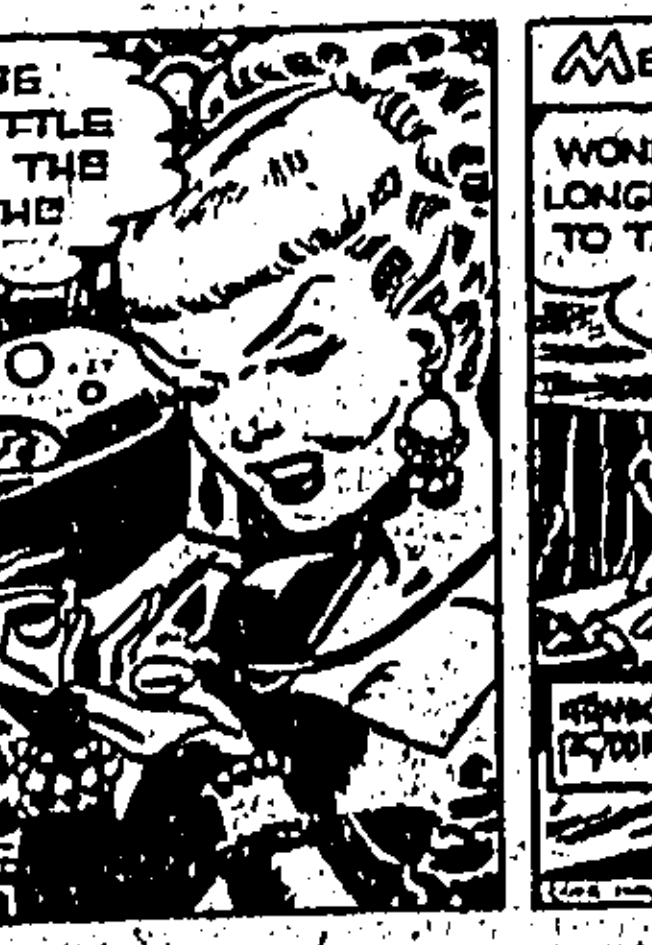
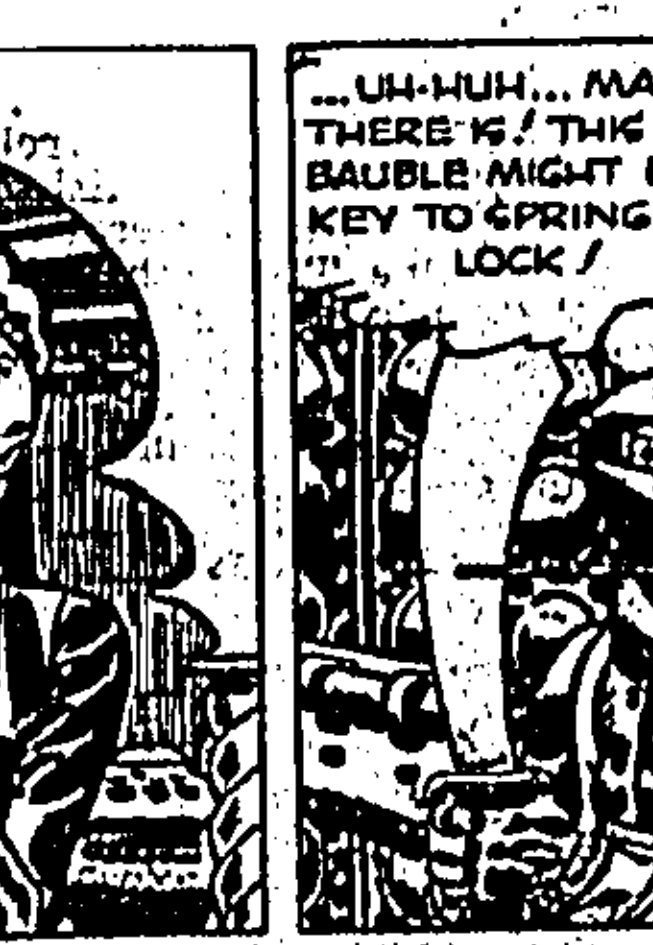
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Career as fashion editor

By Carmel Snow

Working for my mother, who had a successful dressmaking house, I learned how clothes are put together, how to recognise in a dress the qualities which make it the one dress hundreds of people will find exactly suits their needs and desires at a particular moment.

While everyone cannot grow up in an atmosphere so particularly stimulating to her future career, there are certain kinds of experience that are enormously valuable in fashion.

Experience in a store is one of these. Don't feel you must head for one of the big department stores right away. Selling clothes in a small store in your own home town will give you a knowledge of how people react to fashion that cannot be duplicated.

With this experience you will be ready to try a larger store near your home, and to advance in merchandising by becoming an assistant buyer.

Work in the advertising department of a store is also invaluable. Here you will learn the various ways of presenting a dress, the



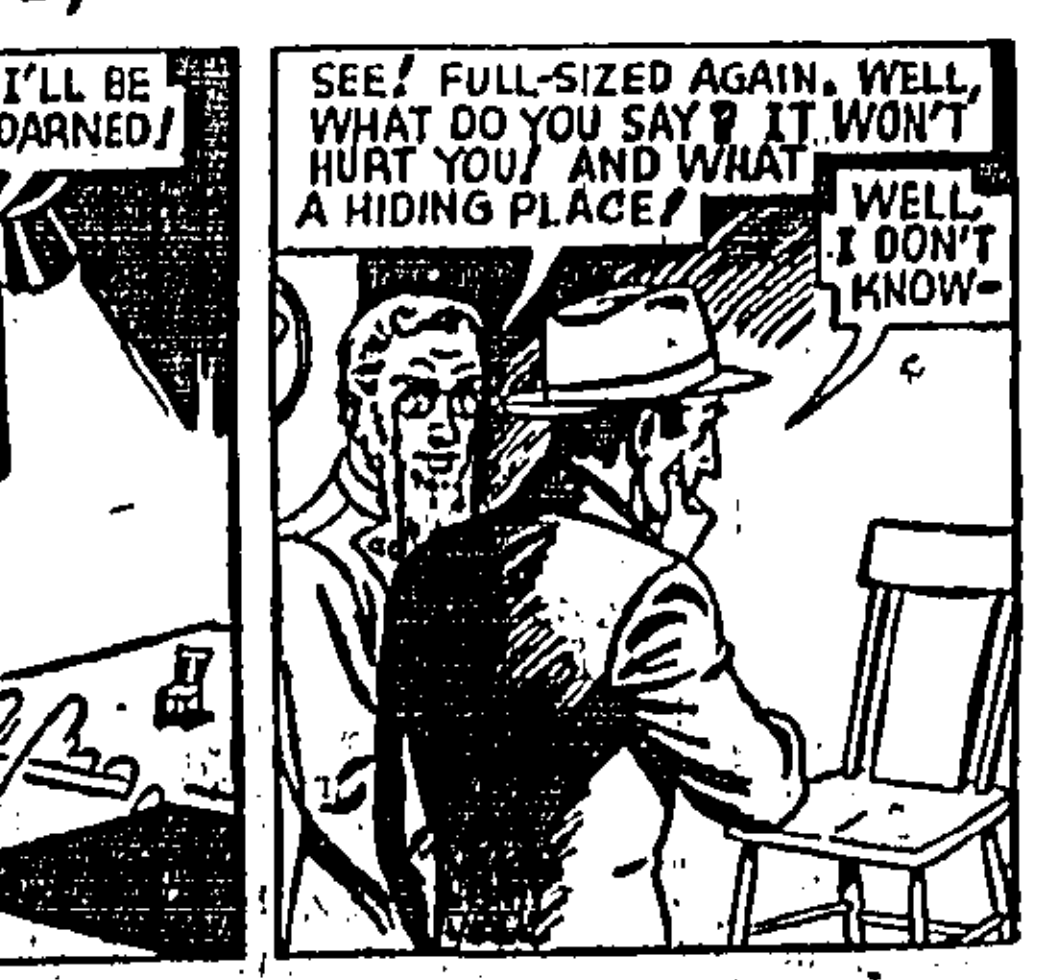
importance of fashion copy, that peculiar blend of facts and fantasy that sets the dress in a mood or atmosphere or the life of the reader.

Being a fashion editor is certainly never dull and you are continually in contact with the changing trends. If you like good clothes and feel an urge to develop good taste for others, then the fashion field is your meat!

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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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"MR. CUBE" HEADING INDUSTRY'S FIGHT AGAINST STATE

London, January 23.

A personable lump of sugar named "Mr. Cube" spearheads the British sugar industry's fight against threatened state ownership. The Labour Party has pledged itself to socialise sugar if it wins the general elections next month.

But this pledge was a battle challenge to Britain's biggest sugar baron—Lord Lyle, President of Tate and Lyle, Ltd. Lord Lyle put "Mr. Cube's" picture and slogans on each of his millions of sugar packages almost as soon as Labour's plan was announced.

"If they juggle with your sugar they'll juggle with your shopping baskets," "Mr. Cube" tells the thousands of housewives buying their weekly sugar ration.

Tate and Lyle, which have plastered with "Mr. Cube" urging "Keep the S out of Tate."

The Labour Government has taken over the nation's coal mines, gas and electricity services, road, rail and air transport, and the Bank of England with practically no argument from their former owners and executives.

But Lord Lyle believes in speaking his mind. "We shall fight to the bitter end and fight with every weapon in our power," he declared.

Then he and "Mr. Cube" go home. Today, "Mr. Cube" is one of the best known characters in Britain. Newspapers and magazines carry "open letters" to him.

Labourites feel that Mr. Cube's complaints against nationalisation may also help the Labour Party. Party campaign leader, in his drive to put Winston Churchill back in power.

The House of Commons recently staged a full-dress debate over whether Mr. Cube was just advertising or whether he was really election propaganda. British law limits election candidates' expenses. It also requires public accounting of money spent on political campaigns. Government spokesmen have accused that Mr. Cube may be counted among opposition election expenses.

But neither Mr. Cube or Lord Lyle have shown the slightest sign of giving up the fight. The latter has an empire to battle for. Lord Lyle estimates that his company is worth about £25,000,000.

Tate and Lyle alone about 40 per cent of the refined sugar business in Britain. It owns millions of pounds worth of factories, wharves, trucks and other property.

It also has large holdings and subsidiaries in the West Indies and other parts of the British Commonwealth. Besides all this, it is the largest single private stockholder in the British Sugar Corporation, a privately-owned but Government-supported monopoly which handles Britain's beet sugar industry.

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Hong Kong, January 24, 1950.

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WALLEN & CO. Agents. Telephone 34177-0.

January 22, 1950.

Hong Kong, January 25, 1950.

Advertising or propaganda?

Billboards spell out his latest saying against nationalisation. All of this has not endeared Lord Lyle to the Labour Party. It faces a bitter fight to be returned to power in the coming general elections.

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This corporation was formed in 1930 by the amalgamation of 11 beet sugar refining companies, four of them Tate and Lyle subsidiaries.

The boss of all this—Lord Lyle—in the grandson of Abram Lyle, who started a sugar refining business in London in 1802. His company, known as Abram Lyle and Sons, combined with Henry Tate and Sons in 1921 to form the present plant.

Lord Lyle was not born with a title. He arrived in the world in 1882—the same year his grandfather started his business—as a Charles Ernest Leonard Lyle.

His family was doing all right as far as money was concerned, however. Young Leonard was sent to Harrow where he had been a student at Harrow only a few years before.

An MP

Lyle went on to Cambridge University. He became an outstanding tennis player, representing England in several international matches.

Once he was chosen by the great Suzanne Lenglen as her partner in an international match in Paris.

After graduation, young Lyle went into the family's sugar business, working in all the various branches to learn as much as possible about the trade.

Lyle got into politics during the first world war. He was elected to Parliament in 1918 and served until 1922. He was elected again in 1923 but served only one year, resigning to take over as boss of Tate and Lyle.

He went back into Parliament in the last year, serving as Conservative MP for Bournemouth from 1940 to 1945.

In the meantime, he had married and raised a family of one son, two daughters. He was knighted in 1933, created a baron in 1935 and made a baron in 1945.

In his fight to "Keep the S out of Tate," Lord Lyle is not depending on Mr. Cube alone.

He and his aides have been touring the country, speaking against nationalisation. They are cutting off Tate and Lyle subsidiaries not directly concerned with sugar refining, making them independent.

This means that if the State does take over the industry, these companies will not be affected.

And Lord Lyle warns: "We shall fight and if we lose, we shall walk out and make no mistake about it, we shall start up again."

Not all Labourites think Mr. Cube is going to lead many voters to plump for the Conservatives in the forthcoming elections.

Sagittarius, the rhyming political satirist of the left wing weekly, "New Statesman and Nation," wrote:

"The Welfare State thinks the world of Mum, And Mum owes all to the state; She knows from whence her rations come, And why she gets full weight, And the State retorts to the state reports."

Of Messrs. Lyle and Tate. "The Ministers at once unmask This pre-election gag; The housewife's welfare is a task In which they will not flag— They know the fate of the Welfare State Is in Mum's shopping bag." Associated Press.

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12.15—Morning Prayer (Studio).

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling" Programme Summary.

12.35—Light Piano Parade with Buddy Cole, Rhythm accompaniment.

12.45—"From the Films."

1.10—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.35—"Time for Music" BBC Midland Light Orchestra. (BUCTS)

2.00—"Hong Kong Calling" Programme Summary.

2.05—London Studio Melodies The Melchior Orchestra with Vocal. (BUCTS)

2.30—The Ink Spots.

2.40—The Terry Lewis Quartet. (Studio)

2.50—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

3.10—"March Hiding in the Marsh" (BUCTS)

3.15—"Generally Speaking" "From London to Capetown" with Jack Scott No. 1. "From London to Capetown" (London Relay)

3.40—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)

3.50—"Record Round-About" Variety Record Programme Presented by Roy Henson. (Studio)

3.55—Pures Mid-Week Magazine—includes John Wallace's "News Letter" Kenneth Mackenzie's "News and Review Quiz" and a short story adapted for broadcasting and read by Peter Heath. Production by Ian Williams. (Studio)

4.00—Radio News Reel (London Relay)

4.10—Weather Report

4.15—French Cabaret

4.20—News Reel by Melancholi.

4.25—Music by Jack Simpson and His Sextet

4.30—Weather Report, World News and News from Britain (London Relay)

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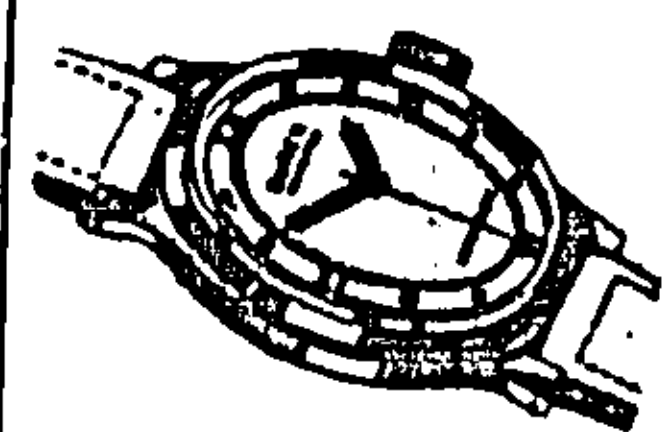
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Sports Pause



HONG KONG CHINESE BEAT MALAYANS 6-3 IN LAST GAME HERE

By "ABBAS"

Playing their last game in the Colony yesterday, the combined Malaya Football XI went down fighting by six goals to three to an "all star" Hong Kong Chinese XI at Jordan Street before a capacity crowd.

The game was fast and furious throughout and Hong Kong, possessing a better co-ordinated forward line than their opponents, fully deserved their victory. However the issue was not decided till after the interval when Malaya began to feel the strain of the game.

Hong Kong made two changes during the game against Malaya's three—Yu Cheuk-yin who was injured twenty minutes from the start had to retire, replaced by Au Chi-yin.

After ten minutes on the field Au was recalled and Tan Kai-sung took his place. This resulted in the reshuffling of the team with Kwok Yung-keung moving into the forward line and Tse taking over the pivotal position. The team was reshuffled again during the play and each time for the better.

Tan Sweet-hock, keen to play, took the first half and was replaced by Chu Chee-sung, who came onto the field amidst applause.

Hong Kong to a man, played well and Tang Yee-ki was the pick of the forward line. Besides scoring two goals for his side, he was instrumental in at least two more goals being scored.

In the intermediate line Tse Kam-hung pitted against Dolah Don had a busy afternoon but managed to hold his own. He was ably supported by the two halves.

Han Yung-ping was easily the pick of the backs and gave valuable aid to the left where Tan Chun-fai was inclined to be unsatisfactory at times.

Lacked combination

The Malayan forwards were good individually, but as a team lacked combination and were inclined to over-pass. Dolah Don at centre forward was always a menace to the Hong Kong defence and was easily the pick of this line.

In the defence, Malaya was well served by Haji Graham and

SERVICES RUGGER TRIAL

A Combined Services rugger trial will take place at Sookun-see this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. The following are the teams: "A" team: Smyth, Harrison, McDermod, McNabb, Gower, Whorrie, Harris, Kerr, Poyntz, De Villiers, Hunter, Wilson, Richardson, S. D. Smith and Prince. "B" team: Borrick, Brown, Howarth, Hillier, Mitchell, Ives, Holdsworth, Beece, Wright, Perry, Thornycroft, Kayser, Istovell, Bradley and Gregson.

Penalty goal

Malaya were awarded a penalty when Han brought Dolah Don down heavily inside the area and taking the spot kick, Tan Kai-sung made no mistake with a terrific drive that left Yee standing to put his team in the lead.

Over the other end, Hong Kong forced the play and just before the interval were rewarded when Chu Wan-keung netted from close quarters.

With the score even at the interval, Hong Kong broke into the running from the resumption and Kwok Yung-keung led the attack. He was followed by the wing and cutting in, drew goalie Chu to him, but in his over-eagerness to shoot, he placed the ball round the upright.

Excellent fan high as the Malayans tried to draw level again and the Hong Kong defence were given a grueling time but to long periods managed to hold their own.

Hong Kong's fifth goal came through perfect co-ordination. Running down the wing with the ball, Ho Ying-fan drew the defence to him and swung the ball over to Kwok Yung-keung and the latter without hesitation lobbed the ball to the left where Chu Wing-keung, unmarked, was waiting. Swinging round, Chu tapped the ball out of reach of goalie Chu into the net.

With time running short, Malaya tried to draw the game out of the fire and made repeated bids into their opponent's defence, but Tse and his colleagues were rock-like and managed to hold their own.

The last goal of the afternoon came from Tang Yee-ki. He led the half and overcame all obstacles with his clever dribbling to seal their victory with a well placed shot.

H.K. Chinese: Yu Yiu-tak, Han Yung-sung, Tan Chun-fai, Tang Sum, Kwok Yung-keung, Tang Kwai-shing, Lee Tai-fai, Chu Wing-keung, Tang Yee-ki, Yu Cheuk-yin and Ho Ying-fan. (Au Chi-yin replaced Yu Cheuk-yin after 20 minutes, Tse Kam-hung replaced Au Chi after 30 minutes).

Combined Malaya: Tan Sweet-hock, Wong Kok-sung, Tan Kai-sung, Haji Graham, Wang Kim-sung, Foo Hee-jong, Liew Tian-ke, Pang Seng-teck, Dolah Don, Ramlan Yatim, Fung Foh-chiew.

(Wong Kam-poh replaced Wong Kok-sung after 15 minutes, Khamsi Lesel replaced Wong Kim-fong after 30 minutes, Chu Chee-sung replaced Tan Sweet-hock after 45 minutes).

CLUB 2ND RUGGER XV

The Hong Kong Football Club 2nd XV will meet 34 Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment in a rugger encounter at 6 p.m. today at the Club ground, Happy Valley. The Club will be represented by the following players:

Gibbons, Giuntlett, Franklin, Gaubert, Reed, Roberts, Clemen, Johnson, Topham, Cowley, Douglas, Thorpe, Howard, Luscombe, Bowden.

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Yachting jottings:

Ecstasy wins third Dragon Corinthian series race

(By "MAINSHEET BLOCK")

Rugger controversy

London, January 23.

The controversy over the complex issue of qualification for International Rugby Union matches has been renewed following the selection of the New Zealander, Ian Betting, to play for England against Wales at Twickenham.

Betting has already played for his own country in Test Rugby, and last year toured South Africa with the "All Blacks" team. In preferring him to English-born players, the selectors followed the example of Scotland who picked Douglas Keller last season, after he had toured Britain with the Australian "Wallabies."

Two other Dominion players, South Africans Murray Hoffman and Harry Small, were included in England's team which maintained a postwar average of three overseas players.

This picking of Dominion players for England teams is becoming increasingly unpopular with some Rugby Union, enthusiasts, who feel that home-bred players are being kept out of the team.

There is no rule governing this point, but the official argument is that the players chosen are mostly British.

The majority of the players who come from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa are Rhodes scholars and arrive at Oxford University when well past 20.

None of the postwar Dominions' men who have played for England has gained Rugby honours on returning to his own country. South Africans have figured largely in England teams for some years. There have also been a number of Australians.

Reuter.

DOUBLES TITLES AT ALL-INDIA TENNIS TOURNEY

Madras, January 23.

Philippe Washer, of Belgium, and Vladimir Cernik, self-exiled Czech, today won the men's doubles title in the All-India Hard Court Lawn Tennis Championships here, defeating the British pair, Geoff Palsh and Gerald Oakley by 6-4, 10-8, 6-8 and 8-7 in the final.

Mrs. Pat Todd and Miss Gertrude Moran, of the United States, won the women's doubles title, defeating Mrs. Betty Hilton and Miss Kay Tucky, of Britain, by 7-5 and 6-2 in the final.

In the men's doubles semifinals, R. Deyro, of the Philippines, partnered by Sumant Misra, of India, lost to Palsh and Oakley by 6-2, 3-6, 6-8 and 4-8. Reuter.

BADMINTON

St. Theresa's defeated the Royal Air Force badminton team 7-3 last night at the Kowloon Tong Recreation Club.

The Dragon race on Saturday started in a strong breeze which dropped later. It was so strong that running from HWD2 to No. 2 buoy, Highwayman alone set her spinnaker and gained nothing by it.

Piet Hein led Ecstasy round No. 2 buoy and beating to Lyemum Beacon with gale force, increased her lead on Ecstasy, who only carried her jib to such an extent that she no longer needed to cover her opponent.

The wind then shifted to the North and reversed the positions for Ecstasy became well up wind on Piet Hein. Ecstasy rounded Lyemum Beacon with a lead of a minute which was maintained till the end.

The Ladies race on Saturday drew 13 entries, the largest for some time. It was a keen race that afterwards one contestant was heard to complain that whenever another dinghy came near her a protest flag was hoisted.

Customs Cruisers were the first mark and for once those who chose the shorter course into the harbour gained on those who went towards Causeway Bay. Mrs. Dirkswager gained the lead and held it until the end of the first lap, when Mrs. Mallorie drew level on the Mrs. Dirkswager came up into the wind more quickly and touched No. 14.

It is a pity that her first race in Hong Kong and in RNSA should end thus when she had led so far.

Mrs. Brown wins. The race was not over, for after beating up to Far APC, Mrs. Mallorie rounded it first in the wrong direction and then in the right direction, following Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Nixon round.

Mrs. Brown held her lead to the finish while Mrs. Nixon, with a crew of two in an easing wind, dropped back to third.

On Sunday the Redwings had a very close race which was made more interesting by the visit of Arles from the RAF Yacht Club.

The team race next week will be between Residents and Army "B" Teams.

Last week's results were:—

Friday, January 20. Army Team Race 27 Brgd. v. 28 Brgd. 1st Yates (4) 69.83 (28B.12); 2nd Mitchell (11) 1.2.24 (28B.11); 3rd Monaghan (1) 1.3.18 (28B.10); 4th Hay (3) 1.3.19 (28B.9); 5th Smart (14) 1.3.17 (28B.8); 6th Ballenden (10) 1.3.17 (28B.7); 7th Williamson (30) 1.3.14 (28B.6); 8th Colk (8) 1.3.13 (28B.5); 9th Baker (7) 1.3.12 (28B.4); 10th Copper (15) 1.2.30 (28B.3); 11th Robinson (2) 1.2.8.5 (28B.2); Cookson (20) 1.2.8.5 (28B.1).

Saturday, January 21. 1st Dinghy Series Race. 1st Yates (4) 69.83 (28B.12); 2nd Mitchell (11) 1.2.24 (28B.11); 3rd Monaghan (1) 1.3.18 (28B.10); 4th Hay (3) 1.3.19 (28B.9); 5th Smart (14) 1.3.17 (28B.8); 6th Ballenden (10) 1.3.17 (28B.7); 7th Williamson (30) 1.3.14 (28B.6); 8th Colk (8) 1.3.13 (28B.5); 9th Baker (7) 1.3.12 (28B.4); 10th Copper (15) 1.2.30 (28B.3); 11th Robinson (2) 1.2.8.5 (28B.2); Cookson (20) 1.2.8.5 (28B.1).

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Third Test:

Aussies in danger of defeat

Durban, January 23.

Australia, 255 runs behind South Africa with seven second innings wickets to fall in the third Test here, are in danger of their first defeat by South Africa for 40 years. The match ends tomorrow.

The Springboks' only victory against Australia was at Adelaide in 1910-11. Australia has not been beaten in Test cricket since losing to England at the Oval in 1938.

On a scoured pitch showing increasing signs of wear, South Africa, who led by 230 runs in the first innings, were run out for 89 today by Ian Johnson and Bill Johnston after being 74 runs for the loss of two wickets at lunch.

At the close Australia had lost three second innings wickets for 80.

Rain is predicted for tonight, which should add to Australia's troubles. Set to get 310 runs to win in seven and a quarter hours.

The Australians made a patient start, scoring only 13 runs in the 42 minutes' play before tea.

McCarthy made several deliveries rise chest high, while Hugh Tayfield whipped off breaks sharply across the pitch, to which the heavy roller had been applied between innings.

All out lbw. With one run added to the tea score, Tayfield dismissed Jack Moroney. Norman Mann took Keith Miller's wicket at 33 and Lindsay Hassett went to Mann at 89. All three Australians were out lbw.

Dudley Nourse, South Africa's captain, did not enforce the follow-on when play opened today, apparently being influenced by the weather forecast.

South Africa began cautiously and in two hours before lunch put on 74, but in just over an hour after the interval, Johnson and Johnston, exploiting the deteriorating pitch to the full, claimed the remaining eight wickets for only 25 runs.

Nourse defended stubbornly, his 27 runs occupying 98 minutes. Johnson took five wickets for 84 and Johnston four wickets for 39 runs.

Close of play scores. The scoreboard at the close of play read as follows: South Africa: 1st Innings... 311; Australia: 1st Innings... 75; South Africa: 2nd Innings... 89; Australia: 2nd Innings... 35.

J. Moroney lbw. b. Tayfield. 10; Keith Miller lbw. b. Mann. 10; Lindsay Hassett lbw. b. Mann. 10; Neil Harvey not out... 13; Extras... 2.

Total (for three wks): 80. Wickets fell 1/14, 2/33, 3/51. Commonwealth tourists draw.

Nagpur, January 23. The Commonwealth touring team drew their three-day match with the Central Province Government XI today.

Each side made 323 runs in their first innings. The Commonwealth had scored 144 for seven wickets in their second innings when stumps were drawn—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS FIRST RACE MEETING Saturday, 11th February 1950.

There are nine races, the First Race will be rung at 1.50 p.m. and the First Race will be rung at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races—\$18) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race, as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in April, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the Hong Kong Derby may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE. Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches, or Season tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.—including tax; for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills etc.

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A limited number of tickets may be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 7810).

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